

CHILDREN WILL MARCH TO CHURCH

Tercentenary of the King James Bible will be fittingly observed in St. John this afternoon.

Anglo-Saxon Christendom will today commemorate the tercentenary of the Authorized, or King James version of the Holy Scriptures.

The Canadian Bible Society, auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, has recommended its auxiliaries to hold celebrations in honor of the event.

The New Brunswick auxiliary has arranged to celebrate the event in befitting manner. A mass meeting of children will be held in Centenary church this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Brief addresses upon the lessons of the tercentenary will be delivered and each child will be given a memento of the occasion in the form of a copy of the Gospel according to St. Luke bearing the Canadian Arms.

The children are requested to meet in King Square at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon and will march to Centenary church headed by the Boy Scouts, Scotch companies and pipers.

Children of the elementary schools are dismissed at 2.30 o'clock and their parents are requested to instruct them to proceed directly to Centenary school where members of the committee will conduct them to their places.

Should the weather render the holding of a procession impracticable, the children will go directly from the schools to the church.

Clergymen, the superintendents, of flocks and teachers of the Sunday schools in each congregation, teachers in the public schools and subscribers and benevolent factors of the Bible Society are cordially invited to attend the commemorative ceremony.

Order of service to be carried out at Centenary church is as follows: Doxology, Prayer—Concluding with the Lord's Prayer, Rev. Dr. Flanders, minister Centenary church.

Hymn—Tell Me the Old, Old Story, Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. A. A. Graham, B. D., minister, St. David's church.

Address—Rev. P. S. Porter, M. A., pastor, St. John Baptist church, Centenary church.

Address—Hon. Justice Forbes, Patriotic Song—My Own Canadian Home.

Address—Rev. G. M. Campbell, D. D., district secretary, Presentation of the souvenir Gospel, Hymn—When He Cometh, when He Cometh To Make Up His Host.

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Florenceville Bridge a Credit to the Province

Another instance of the excellent work done by the Provincial Department of Public Works.

Hazen Government Found Tottering Wooden Structure Sadly in Need of Repair, and Replaced it by One of the Finest Permanent Bridges in New Brunswick.

East Florenceville, Mar. 28.—The Florenceville bridge, as rebuilt by the William P. McNeill Co., Ltd., of New Glasgow, N. S., and the officials and men employed by the New Brunswick government, is almost completed and will be a most noteworthy and permanent public work of the province.

The bridge was originally a wooden structure of five spans, and was erected nearly, if not quite, 27 years ago, and the people in this vicinity say that the credit of securing it was due to the efforts of Hon. George W. White, of Centerville, and John S. Leighton, of Woodstock, both of whom represented Carleton county in the legislative assembly more than a quarter of a century ago.

Considering the demands upon it, considering the fact that for more than 20 years the Florenceville bridge is believed to have had more traffic over it than any other highway bridge in the province, outside of the bridges of the larger towns and cities, the old structure lasted wonderfully well. But it was seriously on the downward course for the past ten years, and the government in power before the last election had commenced what was intended to be extensive repairs, but of a wooden character only.

Mr. Smith Active. The coming into power of the Hazen government gave B. F. Smith, who for a long time was a fighting force in and out of the legislature for the Hazen party, an opportunity of impressing his views upon the public works department with the result that it was decided to practically rebuild the bridge and make it more than ever capable of meeting the demands upon it.

Mr. Smith was able to point out to Premier Hazen and his colleagues that East Florenceville was one of the most important shipping points in New Brunswick on the C. P. R. He referred to the fact that the Bank of New Brunswick here, under the management of Richard Dole, did a much larger business than any one of many other banks in much larger centres, and pointed out that the settlements, villages and towns in the parishes of Wicklow, Wilnot, Simonds, Kent and Aberdeen had grown so rapidly in the last 25 years that something better than a wooden bridge was required in pride of the old Florenceville bridge.

Mr. Smith pictured the past and the present of such places as Centerville, Summerville, Lakesville, Lakeside, Corner, Bloomfield, Avondale, East and West Florenceville, Connell, Kent, Bath, Bristol, Aberdeen, Glassville, Foxton, Peel, Mount Pleasant, and Stickney, all of which places are served by the bridge at Florenceville. He made out a very strong case, and the matter was referred to the committee of the Public Works Department.

First Class Work. It was decided to have steel superstructures for three of the spans. Tenders were called for, and the contract was awarded to Messrs. William P. McNeill and Co., Limited, of New Glasgow, N. S., their tender being the lowest.

It was decided to have the sub-structure done by day's work, and people here on both sides of politics are convinced that this course has saved many thousands of dollars to the province. How was that possible? Because had the sub-structure been put up to tender it would have cost the pulling down of all the old piers and the replacing of them with new ones, whereas the day's work method meant only the doing of what was absolutely necessary.

And what did the government officials find that the old government had built two covered spans, one at the east side of the river and the other at the west side; and that out of this work the bridge would have to be largely rebuilt, but that a very substantial saving could be made with respect to the piers.

No Time Lost. The provincial government started their officials and men to work about the first of last October on the sub-structure. D. W. Jackson, structural superintendent for Carleton County, was in charge of the work, with Wm. R. Pawcett of Southampton, foreman of the crew. Mr. Pawcett is one of the councillors of York County. Incidentally it may be stated that he has the contracts for building a sub-structure at Tracey Station in Sunbury county, a new bridge near Hillsboro, Albert county, and a new wooden bridge at Carleton county. These works will be commenced early next month.

The government officials found the tops of the piers decayed and the sides out of shape. They cut the piers down some six feet and built them up anew after filling or refilling the casement of the five piers with stone. The piers were so badly twisted that it was decided to floor the tops of them with eight inch hemlock in order to distribute the weight of the super-structure more evenly on the piers. This was an idea of the chief engineer, A. R. Wetmore, and was applied to this bridge because of the very heavy traffic upon it.

The sub-structure workers also put in two new triangle truss spans each thirty-four feet long, each with a steel girder in the center. These constitute the approaches to the bridge. The piers were re-shedded; new ice guards were put on wherever necessary and boiler plates were put

on these guards to break the force of the ice.

The ice, beech, birch and maple were the woods used in the making over of the sub-structure.

A Capable Superintendent. One thing that forcibly strikes an onlooker is the devotion of the McNeill Company officials and employees to their superintendent and their company. Erectors, riveters, riggers, heaters, and carpenters, all work as one man at the suggestion of Mr. Charles Campbell, and this perfect discipline is no doubt responsible for a great measure of the success that the company has been able to successfully

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The contract for the steel super-structure was awarded to the William P. McNeill Company of New Glasgow, N. S., last summer, but having regard for the convenience of the public the work was not commenced till just after the beginning of the present year. The contract included a three span super-structure of 183 feet each, (about 175 tons of steel in all) as well as the flooring, James W. Shields of Chatham, steel structural superintendent for the provincial government, is the inspector of the work on the super-structure.

Mr. Charles Campbell, the general manager of the McNeill Company, came here and launched the work here early in January, since which Mr. Charles Campbell of Cape North, Cape Breton, has been in charge of the work on the super-structure.

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A SPECTACULAR FIRE IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK

Million Pounds Of Butter Contributes To Scorching Blaze—Ammonia Fed The Flames—Many Firemen Overcome.

In Chicago last week a dozen companies of stalwart firemen, wearied to the point of exhaustion and stifled by the nauseating fumes of ammonia, mingled with the odor of burning butter, for over two days battled relentlessly with a stubborn fire which razed the plant of the Monarch Refrigerating Company at 40 East Michigan street. Fed by a million pounds of butter and blown into a scorching blaze as though with a giant bellows by the explosions of ammonia tanks, the flames continued with dogged resistance to defy the tireless efforts of the firemen.

Spectacular scenes were plentiful. Frequently firemen, overcome by the fumes, were carried out to be revived. One man was caught by a comrade who was on a ladder at a window on the fifth floor; two others were struck by flying bricks, and another was scalded by the blowing out of a safety valve of a boiler. A couple of others narrowly escaped death when the second explosion scattered debris right and left through the air.

The fire started in what is known as warehouse B and spread rapidly. Stored in the building were 1,000,000 pounds of butter, valued at \$240,000; of worth \$10,000 and 200,000 pounds of poultry valued at \$25,000. The loss is estimated, may exceed \$900,000. The fire started in the fifth floor; it is supposed, from crossed electric wires.

The first explosion occurred shortly after midnight while a score of firemen were standing on the roof of the Corbin National Bank building, a few feet above the level of the burning floors of water into the upper floors of the burning building. The explosion of an ammonia tank blew down the roof of the plant and tons of brick and plaster were showered onto the roof of the school.

Battalion Chief Barton E. Fisher, who was on duty at the time, ordered to the ground and fractured both legs and other firemen on the roof had narrow escapes from death.

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GERMANY TO REGULATE FOREIGN STOCK LISTING. Berlin, March 28.—The members of the centre party in the Reichstag today introduced a resolution asking the government to submit a bill creating a central authority to govern the listing of foreign securities in the various German bourses.

BIRD MAN MAKING FAST TIME IN FLIGHT. Paris, March 28.—Aviator Vedrine, competing for the aero club's cup for the best flight from Paris to Pau by way of Bordeaux, left this city at 6 o'clock this morning and descended at Pertuis, having made 170 miles in three hours, ten minutes. He came down to make minor repairs, and will proceed tomorrow in an endeavor to break the record of Captain Belenger, who occupied about ten hours in the total flight of a little less than 500 miles.

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