General Business.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Mispec Breakwater," will be received at this office until Friday, the 4th day of January, 1901, inclusively, for the construction of a Breakwater at Mispec, St. John County, N. B.

Plans and specification can be seen at this Department, at the office of E T. P. Shewen, Esq., Resident Engineer, St John, N. B, and on application to the Postmaster at Mispec, N B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque, on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works for twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
JOS. B. ROY,
Acting Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 5th, 1900.

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NOTICE.

To John M. Gallant of the Parish of Shippegan, in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick and all others whom it may concern.

Notice is hereby given that, under a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twelfth day of May, A. D. 1893, made between you the said John M. Gallant of the one part, and William S. Loggie, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, merchant, of the other part; registered in volume 29 of the Records of the County of Gloucester, on pages 81,82,83 and 84 and numbered 51 in said volume: There will in pursuance of the said power of sale and for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold by Public Auction, in front of the Post Office, in the Town of Chatham, on Friday the fifteenth day of February next, at twelve o'clock noon, the following lands and premises in the said mortgage described:

"All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying "and being on the westerly side of Shippegan Harbor "and known as part of the lot of land on which "Peter DeGrace resides, being conveyed by him to "William Taylor by deed bearing date the thirteenth "day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand "eight hundred and sixty seven, next conveyed by "William Taylor to Euthrope DeGrace, by deed "bearing date the tenth day of May in the year of "our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-"two, next conveyed by Euthrope DeGrace to the "Reverend Joseph Trudel by deed bearing date the "twenty-seventh day of November in the year of "our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-"three, next conveyed by the Reverend Joseph "Trudel to the said John M. Gallant by deed bear-"ing date the twenty-third day of September in the "year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and "eighty-six, to wit: To commence at the upper or "westerly side of the highway, at the boundary or "division line between the said lot or piece of land, "and land owned and occupied by the family of the "late Augustine Robichaud, deceased, thence follow-"ing the said boundary or division line westerly "fifty yards, thence southerly on a course parallel "with the said highway sixty-nine yards on course "parallel with the said line aforesaid, thence easter-"ly to the highway, thence following the said high-"way northerly to the place of beginning; bounded "easterly by the said highway, in the rear by part "of said lot or tract of land, owned and occupied by "the said Peter DeGrace, and northerly by land "owned and occupied by the family of the late "Augustine Robichaud and containing whatever "quantity of land may be found by actual mea ure-"ment within the said boundaries."

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Dated at Chatham N. B this 14th November A.D. 1900.

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CHATHAM, N. B. - DECEMBER 27, 1900.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT is to open on February sixth, for the election of a speaker and the despatch of business. It is believed that the session will be a short one.

The Young Liberal Club, of Toronto, will tender a banquet to Hon. A. G. Blair on January 29, in celebration of the victory at St. John in the general elections.

British Timber Trade Failures.

Recent Timber Trade failures in England are more serious than they at first seemed to be. Following the suspension of Messrs. Pierce, Watts & Co. of Liverpool, was that of Alexander's Timber Co., limited, of Cardiff and Penarth. These represent about $400,000 each, and we hear of still another large Liverpool concern that is in trouble. Amongst those trading on this side who are creditors of the Pierce, Watts & Co. concern are Frank Harrison & Co. about £13,000; A. F. & D. Mackay, £11,000; Price & Pierce, £8,000; W. & J. Sharples £4,000 and Thos. B. Neale & Co., £3,500 to £4,000.

In the Alexander failure the following appear amongst the creditors:—R. R. Dobell, £531; A. F. & D. Mackay, £5,283; Neale & Co., £13,059; Price & Pierce, £4,169; W. & J. Sharples, £1,683.

No particulars of the assets of Messrs. Pierce, Watts & Co. are given, but the gross liabilities of Messrs. Alexander are stated at £78,000, £43,000 of which is expected to rank for dividend in an estimated surplus of £558.

Election Protests.

In all, ten protests have been filed in this province, six against Liberals and four against Conservatives. The sum of $10,000 was paid over to the Clerk of the Pleas as security for costs and has since been deposited in the bank to his credit.

The petitioner against the return of Messrs. Blair and Tucker in St. John is Dr. Alfred Augustus Stockton, defeated candidate for the county. L. E. Brewer is the petitioner against Hale in Carleton; Bedford Nason against Wilmot in Sunbury-Queens; Thomas Gillihand against Fowler in Kings and W. H. Berry against Mr. Ganong in Charlotte.

The members petitioned against have fifteen days in which to file a counter protest, but it is not yet known how many will avail themselves of this privilege.—Fton Herald.

Hon. Mr. Blair on Railway Extension.

At the business men's dinner to Mr. Hays, the retiring manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, Hon. A. G. Blair in responding to the toast of "The Railway Interests" said that during Mr. Hays' regime the Intercolonial Railway has been extended to Montreal and the improvement was of mutual benefit to Montreal and the east. The possibilities, nay, the certainty of the future in the Canadian railway world was very great.

It seemed to be taken for granted in some quarters that the future of the Canadian Northwest was unalterably bound up in one company, but he challenged that conclusion. A dozen railways may cross Canada within the next half century,—for what has been done must assuredly be duplicated and triplicated in the not distant future. Some people thought the government should not give so much aid to railways, but not to do so would be to prevent the country from advancing. Canada was entering upon a period of growth not dreamed of in the past. Why, he asked, should the Intercolonial be forced to stop at Montreal, and not be carried to the great lakes, and even to the Pacific coast? It was our natural right to bring the products of the west, on both sides of the line, to the seaboard. Montreal, he thought, would see, within a reasonable time, the realization of the best hopes of her business men. The government, he said, was fully alive to the importance of the transportation problem and would give it close attention at the approaching session. Mr. Blair's remarks were loudly cheered.

That "Liberal Convention."

A special Chatham dispatch to the St. John Globe characterises the meeting called by Mr. John Morrissy, which was held in Masonic Hall here on Wednesday evening, 19th, as an enthusiastic and harmonious one. The Globe's correspondent's account of the gathering is as follows:—

The Liberal Convention was held in Masonic Hall on the 19 h. A large number of representatives were present from the different parishes.

Mr. John Morrissy, of Newcastle, being appointed chairman, addressed the meeting, thanking all for the handsome vote given him, attributing his defeat to divisions among Liberals and want of co-operation by the Northumberland Liberal Association, which was not organized, the officers even opposing him. He felt it his duty to call the Liberals together for re-organization, so that future candidates of the party would not be handicapped as he had been. Resolutions would be offered with that end in view. He contested the county as a supporter of the Liberal administration, and while he had sustained defeat he was pleased the general result was so satisfactory.

Mr. George Watt submitted a resolution ratifying the action of the convention in nominating Mr. Morrissy as the Liberal candidate, and recommending reorganization of the Liberal Association. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. S. Loggie said the Liberal party were under obligations to Mr. Morrissy by courtesy and right, and these should be immediately accorded to him. He moved seconded by A. G. Williston, of Hardwicke, that the officers of the old association be requested to call the party together to avoid disunion.

Mr. Warren C. Winslow favored the principle of the motion, but as that body had failed to meet for three years, and the constitution required an annual meeting to elect officers, the old officers had no standing, and the terms of the resolution were at his suggestion made more definite. He scored the old officers for their inactivity, intimated that conditions in the county must change and attention be given to the voice of the people.

Mr. James Nicol spoke approvingly of the course proposed. He was willing to sacrifice something for peace and harmony.

The resolution was carried.

It was also provided that notice be given the old association to call a meeting of the association within twenty days. The notice was signed on behalf of the convention by the following committee: W. S. Loggie, George Watt, William Cliff, John McAllister, A. G. Williston, P. Hennessey, P. Clancey, Michael Savoy, Warren C. Winslow.

The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious.

No good purpose can be served by deception. It is well known in Northumberland that Mr. Morrissy was not the candidate of the recognised Liberal leaders of the county in the late Dominion election. He was never a Liberal, or recognised as such. He opposed the Liberal candidate in 1896. It is true that when there was an unseemly squabble going on for the patronage amongst the several so called Liberal clubs and associations of Chatham and Newcastle after the Liberal victory of 1896, Mr. Morrissy was understood to "stand in" with one of them in order to get places on the I. C. R. for friends who had supported him in the election. It is well known that he was dissatisfied with his success in securing the object of his change of politics on that occasion. This was demonstrated in the letter published by the chief promoter of his recent candidacy, and which our people, who desire to see good feeling and harmony maintained, as heretofore, amongst all classes, so strongly deprecated.

It is not, therefore, a matter of wonder that Wednesday evening's meeting was a failure. It failed because of the lack of material out of which to organize, and the idea of doing so was abandoned for the present, with the view of enabling Mr. Morrissy and his friends to secure the necessary strength. That strength is hoped for from a practically defunct association, against which they harbor grudges of large dimensions.

We observe that one speaker at the "convention" of Wednesday evening adversely criticised "the old association" for not meeting for three years and "scored the officers for their inactivity."

Gentlemen who were members of the "old association"—who had organized and worked it up until it easily dominated the politics of the county—are reminded that it was the "scorer" and the "scored," who, by conspiring together against its rules and breaking them, gave it its death blow, so paralysing it and the Liberals of Northumberland that they have never been able to elect a candidate since. The great secret of the failure of the whole outfit is that not a man of prominence in it recognises any party, any political principle, or any allegiance to leaders, save as a matter of convenience for the promotion of personal ends; and, as we intimated last week, those ends are loaves and fishes. They meet in these alleged conventions and act together for organizing purposes. Then, they go outside and separate into little knots, and these conspire to circumvent each other in controlling "the patronage." Everybody knows all about them and their methods. They killed the "old association" ten years ago and tried to galvanize the corpse in 1896, but it could not be worked and it toppled over and has lain ever since half buried in the rank grasses and weeds of neglect. To dig it up again and attempt to make it serve the purposes of the gentlemen who failed in their meeting of the 19th will only be to further invite the derision of the great body of electors of Northumberland.

[United Canada Dec. 15]

Premier Tweedie on Politics in New Brunswick.

Hon Premier Tweedie and Hon. Wm. Pugsley were in the Capital this week on business with the authorities here in regard to the control of the fisheries. Premier Tweedie is still a young man although he has been over 27 years in parliament. He resides at Chatham, N. B., is an able lawyer and orator and in conversation with United Canada, he recalled the fact that conditions had changed very much since he entered parliament as a boy. He said: "In New Brunswick to-day there is harmony and peace among the various elements and creeds, and in my section, about Chatham, N. B., I do not hesitate to say, that to more than any other man, the credit for that good feeling belongs to the venerable Bishop Rogers, whom everybody respects, and who has always been absolutely fair. I am a presbyterian, but I am free to say after 27 years in parliament, and now as premier, that the Irish have no superiors, in proportion to their numbers, in New Brunswick."

Then the premier was asked regarding the recent federal campaign. Will Hon. G. E. Foster get a seat in New Brunswick?

Premier Tweedie replied—I do not think so. There are only four Federal seats held by Conservatives and Foster could not be elected in any one of them even if the sitting members were to resign. I do not know what his plans are, but his leadership in New Brunswick has been disastrous to his party, and is no longer recognized.

What about my friend Mr. George V. McInerney, ex-M. P. for Kent?

Premier Tweedie—There is considerable sympathy for Mr. McInerney, for you know he was personally well liked, and is a bright man, but he made some mistakes in the last campaign."

Hon. Mr. Tweedie has many friends at the Capital, and is among the best known of New Brunswick's public men, so the audience was getting larger and several of the Federal Ministers who were hastening to catch the Toronto train, came to say good-bye, when Mr. Tweedie was asked:

Will Professor Weldon of Albert be canonized a saint soon, do you think?

Everyone roared at the mention of the posing professor's name, and Premier Tweedie joined in.

News and Notes.

Mr. C. A. Duff-Miller, Agent General of New Brunswick, proposed the toast of the "The House of Parliament" at the annual banquet of the Royal Scottish Corporation at the Holborn restaurant, London. In the course of his speech he said he was looking forward with confidence to the time when the colonies would be represented in the home parliament, which he thought would not lose by it. The colonies had the privilege of Empire, but they wished to bear their share of a burden which they were well able to bear. (Hear, hear, and a voice: "Aye, and ye've din it, too." Cheers.)

Surveyor General Dunn has purchased George A. Bordman's famous collection of 1,600 mounted birds, for the crown land office museum at Fredericton.

C. J. Milligan has assumed the duties of business manager of the Daily Telegraph.

Mr. John Taylor, merchant of Kingston, Kent county, died Friday afternoon. Deceased had been in failing health for several months. He was about sixty-five years of age.

H. H. Corby, M. P., who has represented West Hastings, Ont., in the House of Commons for many years, has announced his intention of resigning his seat owing to ill-health. It is understood Hon. Geo. E. Foster will receive the Conservative nomination in his stead.

The value of Nova Scotia lobsters this year reaches $2,750,000. The prices have been splendid.

The Hon. Clarke Wallace has filed his defence in the slander action brought against him by Senator Fulford for having stated that the senator had paid $50,000 for his seat in the Senate. The defence in effect is that if these words were uttered they were spoken in good faith and in reasonable belief of their truthfulness, there being a generally accepted rumor that seats had been purchased in the Senate.

Trooper Mollay who lost his eye sight in South Africa has been awarded an imperial pension of half a crown, equal to 60 cents a day. He will also receive a Canadian pension and a grant from the patriotic fund.

An exchange, in an editorial on the law against pointing firearms, even playfully, by one person at another says:—

"When a man points any firearm at you, knock him down; don't stop to enquire whether it is loaded or not, knock him down. Don's be particular what you knock him down with, only see that he is thoroughly knocked down. If a coroner's inquest must be held let it be on the other fellow. He won't be missed."—All of which is excellent advice.

Not Exactly Denied.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 20.—The News says Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper will lead the Conservative party in the House of Commons until a leader is permanently named.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—Interviewed last evening respecting the report sent out from Kingston that he had been appointed provisional leader of the Conservative party, Sir Hibbert Tupper stated that neither directly or indirectly had he heard a word about the matter, and with his authority the local Conservative paper will discredit the report.

South Africa

Bloemfontein, Dec. 20.—The details of General De Wett's escape from the encircling British columns describe one of the boldest incidents of the war. When Haasbroek's command joined De Wett on Dec. 12 some fifteen miles east of Thaba N'Chu, General Knox was only about an hour distant and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But De Wett was equal to the occasion. Despatching Haasbroek westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, De Wett prepared to break though the British columns at Springhaan Nek pass, about four miles of broad, flat, unbroken ground. At the entrance were two fortified posts. Artillery was posted eastward watching the Boers. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was presented. The whole Boer army of two thousand five hundred men started at a gallop in open order through the Nek. President Steyn and Peit Fourie led the charge and De Wett brought up the rear. The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward route, but encountering artillery they diverged and galloped to the front of the hill where the fire of only a single post was effective. The whole manoeuvre was a piece of magnificent daring and its success was complete in spite of the loss of a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners.

The British force detached to look after Haasbroek came in contact with his commando at nightfall. The burghers were scattered and the Welsh Yeomanry galloped among the retreating Boers, using their revolvers and the butt ends of their rifles with great effect.

An incident of the fight was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely.

London, Dec. 21.—Since Lord Kitchener's despatch, fully confirming the invasion of Cape Colony and expressing a hope not to capture, but only to 'drive them north again,' not a word has been issued officially as to the situation in South Africa.

Considerable activity is now manifested at Aberdeen. A large draft of mounted troops will be ready to start for South Africa on Jan. 6, while others have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for the same destination.

According to the Capetown correspondent of the 'Daily Mail,' wiring yesterday, the treason court, sitting in Colesberg, was obliged hurriedly to remove to Capetown with the records and documents owing to the vicinity of the invading Boers.

'The Colesberg district,' says the correspondent, 'is seething with excitement, especially perceptible in the districts immediately south of the Orange River. Tuesday morning a fight was proceeding at Phillipstown, presumably with a commando which crossed at Sand Drift.'

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Kitchener's laconic style of reporting petty incidents of the campaign like raids across the Orange River is having a salutary effect in minimizing what remains of the deplorable and hopeless struggle. The public is beginning to imitate his own insensibility and to regard the military reverses and depredations of the daring raiders as matters of little importance. This is a more reasonable habit of mind than the credulity displayed by alarmist and sensational papers in accounting for and printing elastic estimates of the strength of the Boer forces still in the field. Lord Kitchener sets the example of dealing with the facts as they are.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 21.—The government of New Zealand has decided to despatch another contingent to South Africa.

Lieut. Morrison of the second contingent, writing to the Ottawa Citizen about the fighting near Belfast, South Africa, says:

"The Boers were as angry as hornets because the houses were being burned. During the afternoon they captured Major Bliss, of Ottawa, and were going to shoot him. He was acting as galloper for the general and had his horse shot under him. However, after taking his belts and spurs, they let him go. After his horse was shot, he ran for it, and refused to 'hands up' when they galloped after him and surrounded him. They called him a —— fool and asked why he did not surrender. He said that the Canadians were not in the 'hands up' business.

Major Bliss is a son of the late Chas. Bliss, of Fredericton. Major Bliss is married to a daughter of Hon. John Costigan.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—A despatch from the colonial secretary states that the imperial government will accept under conditions laid down any number of Canadians who offer for service in the South African Mounted Police, commanded by Col. Baden-Powell. If 1,000 Canadians can be enrolled in the force, ten commissions as captains and fifteen as lieutenants will be given to officers of the Canada militia to serve under Baden-Powell. The British government will furnish transportation and rations to South Africa, and the men will be remunerated at the rate of five shillings per day from the day they land at the Cape. Officers will receive the pay of their respective ranks. Canadians anxious to join the S. A. police must be single men in sound bodily health, and able to shoot and ride. The period of service is five years.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—The Globe's special cable says that owing to the large number of applications from Canadians wishing to join Baden-Powell's constabulary force in South Africa the War Office has decided to open a recruiting station in Canada in order that applicants may not be compelled to pay their own way to England or South Africa to enlist.

Restigouche and Western.

Mr. Thomas Malcolm, contractor for the building of the Restigouche and Western railway, says that surveys for the whole line have been pushed forward as rapidly as possible and will be continued at the opening of spring, when the work of construction will also be resumed. Mr. Malcolm has had propositions from capitalists who propose erecting pulp mills and establishing other industries along this railway line as soon as it shall be in operation. He is very enthusiastic over the possibilities of the road, which will open up a valuable tract of country for settlement, and he says that the people scarcely realize what enormous advantage the opening of the road will be to northern New Brunswick. He expresses himself as much pleased at the attitude of the local government, and the assistance it has rendered the company.

New Bridge Work.

During this month Hon. C. H. LaBillois, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, is calling for tenders for the following bridges; Rockwell bridge Parish of Burton, Sunbury county; "Kings bridge" over Swan Creek, Parish of Burton, Sunbury county; Bairdsley Creek Bridge, Parish of Burton, Sunbury county; Gilchrist bridge; Parish of Northfield, Sunbury county; Stillwater bridge, over Didgeguash River, Parish of St. Patrick, Charlotte county; Vincent bridge, parish of Greenwich, Kings county; Dumbarton bridge, over Didgeguash River, Parish of Dumbarton, Charlotte county; Parish of Eldon, Restigouche county; Copeland bridge, Parish of Addington, Restigouche county; Steel superstructure, Taylor's Mill Dam bridge, Rothesay, Kings county; Steel superstructure, Tobique Narrows bridge, Victoria county; Steel superstructure St. Louis bridge, Parish of St. Louis, Kent county, and the Steel superstructure of Upper Corner bridge, Sussex, Kings county.

The majority of the above wooden bridges are to replace structures carried away by the heavy freshet of October last.

Montreal-Victoria Ins. Co.

[Montreal Witness]

The granting of an order by Mr. Justice Mathieu that Thos. A. Temple and Edward Leotric Temple be called through the pressure as absentee debtors is the latest development in the troubles of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company, of which Thos. A. Temple & Sons were the general managers. The company commenced the business of fire insurance on May 15, 1899, and when advertising $200,000 worth of its stock, in April last, claimed to have received in premiums $160,000, after deducting all charges for re-insurance, rebates, etc, upon which the loss ratio had been but nominal. It enticed the general public to invest in its stock by offering a rebate of twenty per cent, on all premiums of insurance on property placed in the company, to subscribers to the extent of five shares, and by the fact that its shareholders consisted of many of the most prominent and successful business men in the Dominion, its directorate including such names as Messrs. J. R Booth, president of the Canada Atlantic Railway; Rudolphe Audette, of Messrs. Thibaudeau Bros., and president of La Banque Nationale; the Hon. J. D. Rolland, president of the Rolland Paper Company; H. J. Beemer, and the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, D.C.L., Q. C, M. P. P. On the faith of these names and the promised advantages, many small farmers invested to the extent of $500, making the last payment on their shares only a few weeks ago. Now the company cannot settle its liabilities, has suspended business, and its managers have fled the country. A meeting of the shareholders of the company will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5 next, and it is to be hoped that such action will be taken by the directors as will conserve the interests of the smaller shareholders.

The Davenport & Treacy Piano.

[Chicago Indicator.]

The art supplement in this week's issue of the Indicator is devoted to illustrations of the new Davenport & Treacy pianos, which comprise styles J, D, G and I. As to the artistic and beautiful standards observed in the designs of their cases, no one will question them. As to tone quality, we have no hesitancy in saying that it cannot be excelled in any high-grade, medium-priced instrument.

In their first catalogue, which reached our office a short time ago, we find the following paragraph, which is so concise and clear that we take this opportunity of reproducing it, as follows:—

"In entering the field of piano manufacturers, we do so under the most favorable conditions. We do not consider ourselves new in the business of piano-making, as we have been constructing the most vital parts of pianos for the past thirty years. The experience we have had during that time with many of the leading manufacturers in the United States and Canada is of great importance to us now, and a great assistance to us in constructing the best piano in America, for the price we ask for it. We can assure the public that the Davenport & Treacy piano is not cheaply made, or a so-called commercial piano, but is a thoroughly well constructed instrument, and we take great pleasure in recommending it to anyone wishing first-class instruments at a reasonable price."

Mr. R. A. Murdoch is the agent in Chatham for the Davenport & Treacy pianos. Competent judges who have tested them say that no instruments ever imported have equalled them in either quality of tone or workmanship.

Maritime Agriculturists Entertained by Hon. Sydney Fisher.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Hon Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, entertained to luncheon to-day a number of maritime province representatives, who are here on their way home from the fat cattle show at Guelph. They visited the experimental farm along with the minister.

The party included the following: Messrs. E. B. Elderkin and wife, R. Robertson and wife, Mr. Wyman, Mr. Corning, Yarmouth; Mr. Wood, Halifax; Mr. Archibald, Mr. Hill, Truro; G. Lawrence, Port Hastings; W. W. Black, Howard Black, Amherst; Hon. L. Farris, Queens Co; H. Montgomery Campbell, Apohaqui; M. H. Parlee, Sussex; W. W. Hubbard, Sussex; Mr. Fawcett, Sackville; A. G. Dickson, Chatham; Mr. Pugsley, Amherst; F. Hazzard, of Charlottetown; C. Smallwood, Charlottetown; Mr. Elwards, North Wiltshire, P. E. I; Mr. Clark, Mr. Simpson, P. E. I; J. F. Tilley, Woodstock; Harvey Mitchell, Sussex, and Hon. A. T. Dunn, St. John.

Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Loggieville on Monday evening, Dec. 17th, for the induction of Rev. A. W. Lewis, B. D. Mr. Henderson, Moderator of Presbytery, presided; Mr. H. R. Read preached the induction sermon; Mr Carr addressed the minister, and Mr. McLean the congregation. Mr. Lewis has labored in this field for the past nine months and has won the confidence and esteem of the people, and it is believed that under his ministry progress will be made in this interesting and important congregation.

The Presbytery again met in quarterly session on Tuesday, the 18 h, in St. James' Hall, Newcastle. There were fourteen ministers present.

The Assembly's remit anent enlarged powers of Synod was approved.

The Devotional Manual, submitted by the Assembly's committee on Aids for Social Worship, was referred for examination to a committee consisting of Messrs. McLean and Lewis with instructions to report at next meeting.

Rev. James Wheeler was appointed to supply Harcourt for four months, and Rev. W. Hamilton to continue at Tabusintac until the end of March.

Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the Presbytery's H. M. Committee, submitted reports from the Presbytery's H. M. fields for the past summer. Four catechists had been employed, and the amount required from the H. M. fund was $195,—$150 less than the previous year. He also reported that the committee had appointed Mr. John Grierson to labor in the lumber camps, and that Mr. Grierson had entered upon his duties.

The committee previously appointed to arrange for a presbyterial conference with S. S. and C. E. workers reported, recommending that such a conference be held in connection with the March meeting of Presbytery, and submitted a provisional programme. The action of the committee was approved, the recommendation adopted, and the committee was continued with instructions to complete arrangements for the said conference.

Mr. Carr submitted a report anent the Century Fund canvas, which was very cordially received. The amount of $7,570 was now guaranteed for the Common Fund, and $11,449 for the Debt Fund. He referred to the spiritual aspect of the movement and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Presbytery earnestly direct the attention of our sessions and congregations to the following recommendations of the Century Fund Committee of the General Assembly:

1. That every session seriously take into consideration the whole question of the spiritual condition of those under their care and arrange, if possible.

(a) That the last month of the year shall be set apart as a season in which special prayer shall be made in the congregations and families of the church for the outpouring of the Spirit of God and the deepening of spiritual life throughout the church.

(b) That earnest efforts be made through the pulpits of the church and other agencies on behalf of the young, with the view of leading them to decision for the service of Christ, and that in such efforts much prominence be given to the cause of young men.

2. That God's great goodness to the church, and His call to a larger and more devoted service, which the Century Fund movement seeks to emphasize, have prominence given to them from every pulpit.

3. That there be held in every congregation on the first Sabbath of 1901 a communion service, at which the church throughout the Dominion shall, on the threshold of the new century, renew its allegiance to its risen Lord.

Mr. McLeod, convener of the Presbytery's Augmentation Committee, reported that the sum of $740 was asked from this Presbytery for the Augmentation Fund. The above named sum was allocated as follows:—Newcastle, $60; Red Bank, $35; Black River, $35; Campbellton, $60; New Carlisle, $35; Tabusintac, $40; Dalhousie, $50; Blackville, $25; Milterton, $20; New Mills, $60; St. Andrew's Chatham, $65; St. John's, Chatham, $35; Kingston, $55; New Richmond, $45; Bathurst, $40; Loggieville, $20; Escuminac, $35; Metapedia, $10; Upper Miramichi, 10; Harcourt, $10.

The sum of $375, asked for the college fund, was apportioned as follows:—Newcastle, $27; Red Bank, $15; Black River, $10; Campbellton, $27; New Carlisle, $14; Tabusintac, $15; Dalhousie, $22; Loggieville, $12; Blackville, $14; New Mills, $27; Douglastown, $15; Escuminac, $10; St. Andrew's, Chatham, $23; Kingston, $25; New Richmond, $23; Bass River, 20; St. John's, Chatham, $16; Bathurst, $16; Harcourt, $10; Flatlands, $10; Upper Miramichi, $13; Milleton, $12.

A resolution was passed, heartily endorsing the proposal to appoint Rev. A. F. Robb as an addition to our mission staff in Korea, and appealing to our congregations to increase their aid to Foreign Mission work, so that the F. M. Board may soon be in a position to make this appointment.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Chatham, on the last Tuesday in March.

GEORGE FISHER, Clerk.

[Several of the matters dealt with in the foregoing report were referred to in last week's ADVANCE, but we make room for the whole report as sent by Mr. Fisher, although it is a little late in reaching us.]

The Pope's Midnight Mass.

ROME, Dec. 24.—On the last night of the year the Pope will descend into the Basilica of St. Peter's and at the stroke of midnight he will begin the celebration of High Mass and the dedication of the twentieth century to Jesus Christ. Extensive preparations have been made at the Vatican for the ceremonies, which will be very solemn and impressive, owing to the midnight hour, the presence of the Pope in the grand basilica and the cortege of church dignitaries singing the Te Deum. Naturally everything will be subordinated to the condition of the Pope's health, and much depends on how he stands the fatigue incident to the closing of the Holy Door, but he is filled with an earnest desire to celebrate Mass at the birth of the century, and his doctors believe that his wonderful will power will triumph over bodily fatigue.

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