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Editorial.

Rev. Charles Ladner.

A full impression of our wide extent and far-reaching influence as a church can only be conveyed by a study of the fact, that out beyond the bounds of our great Dominion, which, itself, touches both of the great oceans; out to the islands of the sea on either side, to storm swept Newfoundland and the sunny flower-bedecked Bermudas in the Atlantic, and the smiling sunrise empire of Japan in the Pacific, and even farther distant Western China, our workers have gone, and a bond of unity exists between them all.

In the subject of our present sketch the east and west join hands.

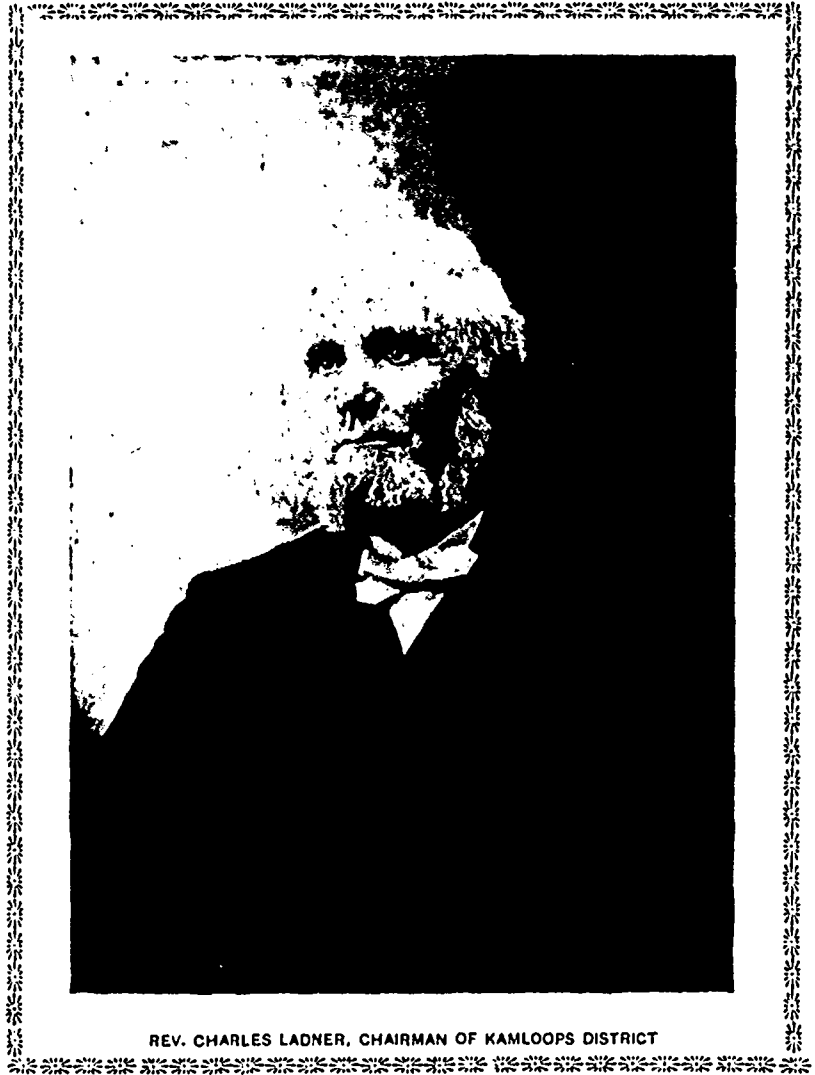
Rev. Charles Ladner was born at Penzance, Cornwall, England, of earnestly devout Christian parents, who early in life consecrated themselves unto the Lord, and as the years passed by, dedicated his offspring, as Samuel was, to the service of Him whom it was their delight to honor. The Wesleyan Church was the church of parents and children.

Emigrating to Prince Edward Island they settled in Charlottetown, and in the year 1855, under the ministry of Rev. John McMurray, D. D., this youthful subject of many prayers was converted to God.

After some years of study and preparation he entered the ministry in 1861. Newfoundland, the land of forest, fish and fog, had then, as now, a population of hardy, industrious toilers, many of whom were as sturdy in their Christian character as they were rugged in physical constitution. In his zeal for the salvation of others, he volunteered for work in the Island Colony. Twenty-two very happy years were spent in that interesting part of the mission field.

Petticoat, St. John's, Trinity, Fogo, Catalina, Old Perlican, Harbor Grace, Briggs, St. John's, Briggs, a second appointment, and Carbonar were successively the churches he ministered to. Here also he was united in marriage with Maria S., eldest daughter of the late Hon. J. Bomister, who was for fifty years superintendent of Sunday schools on the Island. Mrs. Ladner has proved herself a constant and affectionate helpmate, and the truly noble assistant of her husband in all Christian work. The blessing of God richly rested upon his labors, and he had the unspeakable joy of seeing many brought to Christ. Many of the young men of that and other conferences were introduced to the work of the ministry by his influence. It was also his lot to superintend the erection of a number of churches, parsonages and school-rooms on the various circuits with which he was associated.

In 1881 he was honored by his bre-



REV. CHARLES LADNER, CHAIRMAN OF KAMLOOPS DISTRICT

thren with the Presidency of the Newfoundland Conference.

In 1883 he came to Manitoba, and was stationed at Brandon, where, in the following year, while engaged in holding special services on the circuit, he was stricken down with a serious attack of congestion of the lungs. At this time he lost, for some months, the use of his voice. This, to one so accustomed to active service, was the greatest trial of his life. The doctor gave little hope of recovery, and urged removal to a more suitable climate, Colorado, or Southern California.

In 1886 he removed to British Columbia, in the hope that the climate of the west would restore the lost health, and in this he was not disappointed.

He supplied the Gorge Road Church, Victoria, for one year, after which, health still improving, he was transferred to the Conference in 1888.

His first regular appointment in the province was Kamloops, then a mission. Through his instrumentality lots were obtained in the growing town, and a church

and parsonage were built. His relationship with the people was of such a pleasant character, that through the invitation of the board, he is, after several years absence, spending there a second term. Revelstoke followed with Chilliwack, where year after year he was blest with glorious revival outpourings, and Rossland, where he laid the foundation and saw the work established, building both church and parsonage in that progressive mining city. Here he was elected chairman of district, and the energy and enthusiasm which he displayed in planting missions in the Kootenay was particularly commendable.

In the year 1896 the British Columbia Conference honored him as the Newfoundland Conference had done before, by electing him to the President's chair. At the last General Conference he was one of the Western delegates.

Humble in spirit, kindly in disposition, fearful of offending almost to a fault, he is beloved by all his brethren, and held in loving veneration wherever he has labored.