

VOTE IN METHODIST CHURCH AFFAIRS

Some Who will be up for Re-election

Matters in Advance of the General Conference to Meet in Toronto on September 27—Some Figures of Membership and Finance.

(Canadian Press)
Toronto, Sept. 16—Besides the general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, Rev. S. D. Chown of this city, who will face an election at the opening of the Methodist General Conference at its quadrennial meeting here on September 27, the ten secretaries of the department of the church will also be up for re-election—or defeat, as the case may be. Five of these secretaries will make their report for the first time at the coming conference, they having been elected four years ago at the General Conference held in Hamilton.

The five new officials are: Rev. Dr. S. W. Falls, Book Room Steward, who succeeded Rev. William Briggs as Administrator of the Methodist Book Room here when the latter retired after forty years service; Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, Secretary of the Superannuation Fund Department; Rev. Frank Langford, secretary of the Department of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies; Rev. Dr. C. E. Manning, Secretary of the Home Missions Department, and Rev. S. Wesley Dean, Secretary of the Finance Department and Statistician of the General Conference.

Of these five heads of departments probably the new book room steward doubtless has had the most difficult task in the last four years. Lifted up by the roots, as it were, from the active ministry in Calgary, Alberta, and planted in what is probably the most important position in the gift of the Methodist Church in Canada, having supervision of one of the largest of publishing businesses in the country—with little previous business experience, but with an abiding hope and confidence in the outcome—Rev. Dr. Falls set himself to the difficult task before him in such a determined manner that he rapidly forged to the front in his new sphere.

His first general conference report will be watched for with more than ordinary interest by the delegates and the members of the church generally.

Rev. Mr. Simpson succeeded the late Rev. Dr. Griffin as head of the superannuation fund—Dr. Griffin, the jovial veteran, who carried on the work of his

department up to an old age, and who was one of the most beloved of all the Canadian Methodist ministers. New methods of finance have been instituted by Mr. Simpson.

Rev. Mr. Langford, who is barely forty years of age, as head of the department of Sunday schools and young people's societies, is one of the youngest Methodists ever appointed to high office



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let's shoes as head of that branch of the Methodist Church work.

Rev. Mr. Dean's office of secretary of finance and conference statistician was new when he was appointed, it having just been created. In his last four years he has instituted a church insurance commission and has put the records of property owned by the Methodist commission on a better basis than it was before. Mr. Dean was well-known for years as Supervisor of the Methodist Social Union Work in Toronto.

The other five of the ten heads of departments in the Methodist Church, who will report to the general conference, and who will come up for re-election, have been in office for some years and are veterans in the service. They are: Rev. J. W. Graham, secretary of education; Rev. Dr. James Endicott, secretary of the department of foreign missions; Rev. Dr. P. Albert Moore, secretary of the department of evangelism and social service; Rev. Dr. W. B. Creighton, editor of the Christian Guardian, and Rev. A. C. Crews, editor of the Sunday school publications.

Church Figures.

It is said that progress in every department of the church will be reported at the general conference. The church membership has grown from 388,210 to 406,893 in the last four years, an increase of almost 19,000. In 1918 the contributions of the Canadian Methodists to home and foreign missions were \$762,249, and for the year ended May 31, 1922, the contributions reached the total \$1,016,118. The total funds raised for all purposes have increased from \$6,633,299 in 1918 to \$9,803,929 in the year just ended.

The salaries paid the ministers in the Methodist Church have increased from \$1,782,880 in 1917-18 to \$2,576,901 in 1921-22. This is partly due to the minimum salary having been increased as a result of the efforts of the ministerial salaries commission.

The present value of the churches, parsonages and other buildings and cemetery properties owned by the Methodist Church in Canada and Newfoundland is close to \$50,000,000.

In the national campaign of 1920-21 to raise funds for the Methodist Church

the sum of \$4,837,518 was subscribed. Of this amount \$4,006,164 has been paid, the Christian Guardian states. This special fund has been expended chiefly on the church's missionary enterprises and in putting the superannuation fund on a more satisfactory basis, about \$1,410,000 on each, and the sum of \$706,000 has been given to needy educational institutions in the Methodist denomination.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA REPORTS PROSPERITY

Bombay, Aug. 16—(Associated Press, by Mail)—Freemasonry in India is in a highly prosperous condition, according to the Indian Masonic Year Book which has just been issued. All three constitutions of the United

Kingdom are represented, England by five district grand lodges; Scotland by a separate grand lodge, and Ireland by several detached lodges not under a separate jurisdiction.

At Bombay fifty-seven units meet in the Freemasons Hall—thirty-two being English. There are twenty-three English lodges in Calcutta, in addition to eight Royal Arch chapters in India divided among five subordinate jurisdictions, while English Mark Masonry is represented by seventy-six lodges.

DEPLORES OUTBREAK OF CHICKEN PIE SOCIALS

Montreal, Sept. 16—Chicken pie socials, which have ousted the old fashioned church re-union as a harvest Thanksgiving service, are deplored by the Bis-

hop of Montreal, in his monthly message, published in the current Montreal Churchman. The bishop pleads for the reinstatement of a week day Thanksgiving service instead of the present Sunday ceremony.

Burglars have been busy in Sussex recently. The places entered were the Imperial Theatre, the Maple Avenue Manufacturing Company's plant, Dimoch Berry's ten and N. W. Eveleigh's store. Cash was obtained at the theatre, tools from the Maple Avenue Manufacturing Co. and flour, tea, sugar, boots and other articles from the store.

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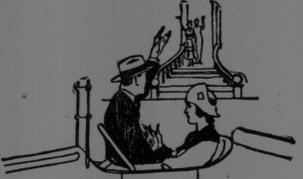
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