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CONFEDERATION IN CHURCHESCity Pastors Referred to the Important Event
Which Took Place Fifty Years Ago—The Prog-
ress and Development of Canada During Half a
Century—The Present Great War.

Dominion Day was observed in the
city churches Sunday and special ser-
mons appropriate to the day were de-
livered by the pastors to large con-
gregations. The sermons dealt with
the confederation of the provinces and
the debt Canadians owed to the great
men that had made the confederation
possible. Brief outlines of the history
of Canada since Confederation were
given and the great advances in var-
ious lines of endeavor were pointed
out.

First Pres. Church West St. John:

"Now and Then, or Fifty Years of
Progress," was the subject chosen by
Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison in his sermon
Sunday morning and he spoke in part
as follows, taking his text from Zecha-
riah 9:4: "And His dominion shall be
from sea even to sea."

"It is interesting to observe how, in
the great efforts of history the human
consciousness of God emerges. It
was so with the nation of Israel in the
days of the Prophet Zachariah. Nor
has it been different with the nations
since that time. It was thus that
Canada, whose jubilee was celebrated
last year, received its name. These words
of the Prophet of Israel who lived in the
reign of Darius were repeated by one
of the fathers of Confederation when
the separate provinces of Canada were
united under the terms of the British
North America Act. Many pages of
picturesque and stirring history had
indeed been written in this land of
ours prior to that time. After the
union of Upper and Lower Canada the
advantages of a federal union of all
the provinces became more apparent.
In 1864 a convention of delegates re-
presenting the various provinces was
held at Quebec for the purpose of con-
sidering the advisability of union and
under the leadership of Sir John A.
Macdonald this convention formally
adopted a set of resolutions which
served as a basis for active union,
these resolutions being passed by the
British parliament in 1867. It was in
that year that the honored fathers of
Confederation, whose names shall
never be forgotten, succeeded in effect-
ing the union of the four provinces of
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario
and Quebec under the terms of the
British North America Act, and thus,
what is known as the Dominion of
Canada was formed."

Dr. Morrison then sketched the de-
velopment of the country during the
past fifty years, making a number of
interesting comparisons by which he
showed the financial and industrial
progress of Canada. He reminded his
hearers that in 1867 there were no
telephones, elevators or electric rail-
ways, nor had our water powers been
developed, while now Canada uses
over 500,000 telephones, between 3,000
and 4,000 elevators, over 2,000 miles
of electric railways and has developed
nearly 2,000,000 horse power from its
rivers and streams.

In the evening Dr. Morrison preached
a forceful sermon on "What Has Pa-
triotism to do with Religion."

Central Baptist Church.

In his sermon Sunday morning, Rev.
D. J. MacPherson stated that Cana-
dians owed a debt of gratitude to the
men that had made Confederation pos-
sible and he made reference to Sir
John A. Macdonald as one of the lead-
ing fathers of Confederation. He went
back to the history of the movement,
referring to the British American
League, founded in 1849, largely un-
der the inspiration of Sir John Mac-
donald. He adopted the confederation
of all the provinces as one of its prin-
ciple objects with the fundamental
principle of inviolable connections
with the Mother Country. The first
formal adoption of this idea was in
Nova Scotia where the assembly passed
the resolution in 1854.

"In this connection Mr. McPherson
said, 'we meet with Joseph Howe,
one of the most brilliant men that
Canada has ever produced. In Howe's
mind a united British North America
was the stepping stone to a firm em-
pire. Another man to be remembered
is Sir Charles Tupper, the champion
of unity and a Nova Scotian democrat.
To him Nova Scotia was largely its
responsible government. He was
largely instrumental in bringing Howe
to give his consent and support to
the confederation scheme. This city
will be proud of Sir Leonard Tilley.
He knew Nova Brunswick as Tupper
knew Nova Scotia and he did as much
for Confederation in this province as
Tupper did for Nova Scotia. He was
a man of growth and progress and rose
from the bottom to the top in New
Brunswick."

Mr. McPherson described the prog-
ress of the last half century and
pointed out the great work that Can-
ada is doing in the present crisis."

Centenary Methodist Church.

At the Sunday morning service at
Centenary church, Rev. W. H. Barra-
clough spoke on "The Jubilee Year" and
he pointed out Canada's past and
future tribute to the fathers of Con-
federation, dwelling on the courage
and hope of the men who fathered the
confederation project. He expressed
the hope that this jubilee occasion
would find a Canada re-born, recog-
nizing God's value in the life of the
individual.

Rev. Mr. Barraclough preached his
farewell sermon in the evening before
a large congregation, taking as his
subject "Two Great Tragedies—The
Tragedy of Calvary and the Tragedy
of a World at War." He said in part:

"If the tragedy of the cross of Cal-
vary brought forth such results is it
too much to expect that out of this
present war, this awful and abundant
war, there shall come the breaking of
shackles of those long bound and the
lifting of the whole people to a higher
plane of purity and equality in a larger
brotherhood."

He also stated that great reforms
that the world had waited for years
had come and were coming to bene-
fit mankind. He pointed out that a
vast number of people were making no
sacrifices in the war and he urged that
proper support be given to those who
were actively carrying on the war and
to the nation's leaders.

Waterloo St. Baptist Church.

Rev. F. H. Wentworth's subject
Sunday night was "O Canada," and
the text Jeremiah 18: 1-10. He stated
in the course of his sermon that
scarcely any event was so momentous
to the life of the world as the birth of
a nation, and the next momentous
thing was its development for good or
ill. A. G. Bradley closes his little
book on Canada by calling the Do-
minion "The greatest star in the Im-
perial constellation." And that book
was written before the war. The star
shines with greater splendor since as
many of her sons have laid down their
on the fields of France and Flanders.

Canada has made marvelous strides
in her fifty years as a nation. But the
mistake of so many writers and speak-
ers is that they magnify the material
resources and prosperity at the ex-
pense of the spiritual.

(1)—Two great factors enter into
national evolution: Character and
Divine agency. Physical features and
forces, mountain, prairie, lake and
river, sky and sea, torrid and frigid
zones, as well as hereditary tendencies
have their part to play in the forma-
tion of national character. But a na-
tion rises or falls in character accord-
ing to its standards of righteousness,
the strength or weakness of its ideals
and its attitude towards other nations
of the world. The nations are in God's
hands as clay in the potter's, only the
human clay is intelligent, plastic or
unyielding according to the will of the
people. God has a purpose for every
nation as much as for Israel. Perhaps
God's purpose for Canada is to be the
highest and the holiest of the world's
democracies, the ideal of all oppressed
peoples.

(2)—God's purpose changes with
changes in national character. He is
said to repent of His purpose to bene-
fit a nation that surrenders to evil,
and to repent of His purpose to de-
stroy when a nation turns from its
evil course. And nations do change
their character for the worse when
they allow things to weaken the best
for which they stand, as Germany has
been mislead and as others
have by failure to enforce righteous
laws. And they change their char-
acter for the better when they sum-
marize their resources, powers and in-
fluences to attack the evils that en-
danger. It matters much whether a
nation's leaders are listened to or
treated with indifference and con-
tempt. Jesus in Jerusalem declared
that she killed the prophets and
stoned them that were sent unto her.
Canada, the youngest of the na-
tions, has the splendid opportunity of
learning from the failures and suc-
cesses of nations hoary with antiquity.

(3)—A nation needs Divine guid-
ance if it would attain its true des-
tiny. My of our's a proud empire
have passed away because they have
failed to realize this fact. God's great-
est gift to the nations has been Jesus
Christ, but no nation has nationally ac-
cepted Him. Canada could have no
greater ideal than to crown Christ
king. He would purify our politics,
harmonize our racial differences,
hasten our spiritual life, make
Canada the desire of all nations and
the most brilliant star in the world
constellation.

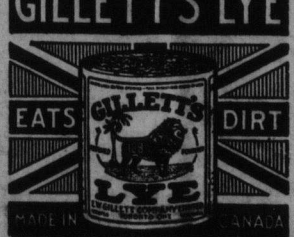
Stone Church.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring preached a
splendid sermon on the confederation
of the provinces at the Sunday morn-
ing service at Stone church. He
pointed out the tremendous sacrifices
that the maritime provinces made for
confederation in the losses in com-
merce, due to the closing of markets
in the United States and in the
British Isles, losses that have never
been computed. He also referred to
the great sacrifice of men in the
building up of the West at that time,
and the fact that the west has drawn
upon New Brunswickers for men to
fill positions in their educational in-
stitutions. He said that these sacri-
fices had not robbed us because we
all sacrificed it had thrown us back
upon our own development, and that
these sacrifices have not been in
vain is shown by the fact that Can-
ada stands high in the councils of
the nations.

THE MOOSEPATH RACES.

Moosepath Park was the mecca for
a large crowd of the followers of the
turf yesterday afternoon and the
races were watched with interest.
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tested Mattie March proved the win-
ner, his time being 2:26 1/2. Pearl Pick
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on that day, but it was fine enough for
those who wanted to spend the day
out doors to have a right good time
without perishing too freely, and large
numbers took advantage of the free-
dom from a toil to spend the day out
of doors either on the river or at some
of the breathing spots around the city.

Two excursions were run up the
river, one to Brown's Flats and the
other to Gagetown, and both were well
patronized. The annual cruise of the
St. John Power Boat Club was a big
success, a large number of boats mak-
ing the trip to Belyea's Point. Sea-
side and Glen Falls cars were packed
all day, many families taking their
baskets and making a day of it at
these places. Rockwood Park also had
its visitors, who were willing to walk
the distance necessary to enjoy its
beauties and cool breezes.

The rail birds had a chance to enjoy
themselves at the races at Moosepath
in the afternoon and they were out in
force. Some good racing was wit-
nessed which kept them on their toes
all the time.

The devotees of the rod and line had
a great time and many of them return-
ed to the city with substantial evi-
dence of their prowess in the way of
fish and "bites," for the mosquitoes
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