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**Presbytery Of Miramichi Meets**

The quarterly meeting of Miramichi Presbytery was held in St. James' Hall on Tuesday.

Those present were: Ministers—Hugh Miller, Campbellton, Moderator; W. McN. Matthews, Millerton, clerk; A. J. McNeil, Doaktown; Geo. Grant, Blackville, J. H. MacLean, Dalhousie; L. H. MacLean, Newcastle; D. Davidson, Harcourt; F. L. Jobb, New Mills; F. W. Thompson, Loggieville; G. P. Tattrie, Tabusintac; L. J. King, Escuminac, P.Q.; J. M. Fraser, Black River; J. F. McCurdy, Redbank; Dr. Wylie, St. Andrew's Church, Chatham; J.H.A. Anderson, St. John's, Chatham; E. J. Rattée, New Richmond, P.Q.

Elders—Joseph Henderson, Bathurst; Gordon Harper, Oak Bay, P.Q.; J.O. Shearer, New Carlisle; E. Vye, Derby; John Williamson, E. A. McCurdy, Newcastle; Daniel Baldwin, Nelson.

Rev. R.W. Ross, M.E. of Fort Massey Halifax, was present on behalf of the Forlard Movement and was asked to sit and correspond.

A conference led by Rev. R. W. Ross, was conducted in the afternoon. The Presbytery was divided into five sections and an eight-day special service is to be held in each congregation at the earliest date.

Rev. E.J. Rattée presented the Sunday School report, which showed an increase of two schools, but a slight decrease in attendance.

Rev. F.L. Jobb presented the report on systematic giving and on the budget.

The Budget report showed that of \$8,750 allocated to congregations by the Presbytery, \$8,226.97 had been raised, an increase of \$690.69 over 1917. Eight congregations exceeded the Budget by \$1,053 and two mission stations by \$16.87. Thirteen congregations failed to contribute full amount by \$1,565, and one mission station by \$23.50. Of the eight which exceeded the Budget four congregations deserve special mention—Campbellton \$578; Dalhousie \$218; Douglastown \$87; Tabusintac \$82. New Mills and New Richmond, while exceeding their budget, did not do so well last year because in 1917 they had the help of Mr. Robinson.

Loggieville overpaid \$45; New Mills and New Richmond \$15 each; Rexton, \$13; Kouchibouguac \$8.87 and Miscou and Shippegan \$8.00. The others failed to reach their allocation.

The Home Missions report, submitted by Rev. J. F. McCurdy, asked for catechists next summer for Kouchibouguac, Miscou, Caraquet, Millbank and Matapédia.

The General Assembly's remit favoring allowing elders to be eligible for election to the moderatorship was disapproved, three voting contrary.

General Assembly's remit re enlarging powers of Synods, the Assembly to meet every third year, was as a whole, disapproved of.

On motion of Rev. L. H. MacLean and Mr. Williamson, the Presbytery approved of enlarging the powers of the Synods.

Revs. F. W. Thompson and L. H. MacLean advocated reduction of denominational colleges from eight to four, and the meeting of Assembly quadrennially, several others contra.

Rev. F. W. Thompson moved the following overture to General Assembly:

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"Whereas the Government of Canada has on several occasions set apart a day of special prayer and called the people to observe such day.

"And whereas said day has invariably been the Lord's Day;

"And whereas, while we believe that special circumstances call on the part of the nation for acknowledgment of God and humble supplication before him, so we gratefully appreciate the action of the Government in calling to national prayer, yet the setting apart of the Lord's Day as a day of special prayer is to largely fall in the purpose sought and is an infringement of the rights and privileges of the church.

"Therefore, we, the Presbytery of Miramichi, respectfully overture the General Assembly to take such steps in co-operation with other religious bodies as will secure that in the case of such calls a day other than Sunday be set apart as a day of special worship.

"And that copies of this resolution be sent to Acting Premier of Canada, the leader of the Opposition, W. S. Loggie, M.P., and the Provincial Premier.

Carried.

Following commissioners were appointed to General Assembly:

Rev. Alex. Firth, Nelson—Douglastown; Rev. L.J. King, Escuminac; Rev. Dr. Wylie, Chatham; Rev. A.F. Robb of Coresé

The lay commissioners will be appointed from the following congregations: Loggieville Harcourt, Dalhousie and Tabusintac.

The resignation of Rev. J. R. McKay of Restigouche, was read. Mrs. McKay's health necessitates return

to Scotland. The resignation was accepted to be dealt with at a regular meeting of Presbytery to be held in Campbellton on Thursday, May 1st at 3 p.m. The details were left to Revs. Miller and McKay.

Rev. J.F. McCurdy tendered his resignation as minister at Redbank, to take effect the last of April.

This matter will be dealt with at a meeting of Presbytery in Newcastle on Thursday, April 3rd, at 11 a.m. Revs. Matthews and McCurdy to make arrangements.

Rev. J.F. McCurdy was appointed for two years to the pastorate of New Carlisle, P.Q., appointment to begin May 1st.

Re travelling expenses of men in connection with the Forward Movement, each group was left to make its own arrangements.

On motion of Rev. F.L. Robb, a resolution was passed asking that Dominion Prohibition be made a permanent law; also a resolution petitioning legislative assembly of N. B. that:

- (1) No amendments be made to the present Intoxicating Liquor Act, whereby the prohibitory features of the law might be weakened.
  - (2) It is requested that amendments be enacted to the present law for the purpose improving the methods of dispensing the liquor permitted to be sold under the Act to regulate the price and to improve the quality of the liquor sold for medicinal, industrial and sacramental purposes, the liquor considered necessary for such purposes to be manufactured, distributed and sold by the Government.
  - (3) That each congregation be asked to pass these resolutions and forward them to the proper authorities. Rev. George Grant and others spoke in favor of Government ownership of the necessary liquor business, and the above resolutions passed unanimously.
- Next quarter's meeting will be at Charlo, the third, Tuesday in June. Adjourned.

**Fredericton Curlers Defeat Newcastle**

In a three-rink competition with Newcastle Wednesday, the Fredericton curlers emerged victorious with a total score of 47 to 32. Fredericton won in two of the rinks, and in the afternoon match Deacon Doherty piled up a big score against his opponents.

The ice while a trifle heavy, was in good condition and the boys from the capital certainly proved themselves artists with the broom and stone. The rinks and scores were as follows:—

Newcastle	Fredericton
F. Locke	S. Limerick
E. Dalton	R. VanDine
J. R. Lawlor	H. R. Babbitt
J. Sargeant	N. Doherty
Skip..... 9	Skip..... 24
H. Cassidy	T. Belmonte
J. Stewart	W. McLellan
C. Sargeant	A. McKay
J. Russell	A. Colwell
Skip..... 15	Skip..... 9
R. C. Clarke	E. J. Miles
P. Burchill	C. Barry
A. Ritchie	W. Limerick
P. Russell	F. Hart
Skip..... 8	Skip..... 14
32	47

After the game the visitors were entertained at St. Andrew's Hall, when a pleasant hour was spent in speeches, etc.

The Fredericton members' suggestion of a bonspiel next year with the north and south of the province competing was warmly supported and steps will be taken at once to make it an assured fact.

Berlin, March 9—While soldiers had been called to suppress rioting in Spandau were absent from the Ruhleben Camp, about five thousand Russian prisoners of war in that camp made their escape. The Russians are now wandering about the country to the terror of the country folk.

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CORN, Golden Bantam. Needs no description.....	.10	.....	.20	.55
CUCUMBER, S.E.'s Perfection, dark glossy green color; very tender and brittle.....	.10	.25	.75	.....
LETTUCE, Toronto Gem. Light green, curled and crested. Forms large size tender heads.....	.10	.30	.30	.....
ONION, S.E.'s Prize Yellow Globe Danvers. Immense yielder, splendid keeper.....	.10	.40	1.25	.....
PEAS, Grodan. Large podded variety, excellent yielder.....	.10	.....	.20	.50
RAISH, Crimson Globe. A fine, bright, quick-growing variety; crisp, mild flavor.....	.10	.20	.65	.....
NEW TOMATO, John Barber, earliest, scarlet variety; heavy yielder.....	.10	.75	2.50	.....
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