

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Discussion of the Petition for a New Congregation in This City.

A James Bay Church Suggested and the Idea Well Received.

The Presbytery of Victoria held an adjourned regular meeting yesterday afternoon and evening for the purpose of considering the petition for the organization of a new congregation in this city, and for other business.

Rev. P. G. Macleod's reasons of appeal against the decision of the Presbytery at the meeting on September 22 were received, and referred to the committee appointed to answer them.

The petition for the organization of the proposed new congregation was taken into consideration, those appearing in support of it being Dr. Crompton, J. H. Falconer, Howard Chapman, A. Walkley, J. Lewis, Wm. Mackay and Peter Gordon.

Howard Chapman presented a resolution adopted at a meeting held in the old Methodist church on September 25.

Those who appeared in support of the petition were heard at length, and after discussion was requested to present to the Presbytery a statement as to the ability of the petitioners to pay a minister's stipend, and the probability of the church building.

The petitioners presented their answer at the opening of the evening session, through Mr. Chapman, who stated that they would be prepared, when organized by permission of the Presbytery, to state the amount of the stipend they could pay, and as to the site, they wished to call attention to the statements in the petition, in which they expressed their willingness to be guided by the Presbytery in the matter of permanent location.

J. H. Falconer quoted the rules of the church to show that congregations were required to guarantee a stipend only on the day of organization.

Mr. Chapman took exception to this ruling, and held that the congregation could not by the rules be asked for the guarantee.

Rev. D. A. Macrae pointed out that as soon as the Presbytery consented to organization it would become responsible for the new congregation, and if the latter then came forward with the request for a certain minister, and could not make up for him more than \$600, the Presbytery would be bound to give the remaining \$300 to make good the deficit.

Mr. Falconer—Suppose we give you a guarantee that we will not do more than \$600, and after a while find himself unable to pay this debt, and then the Presbytery would have to come to his help.

Rev. D. A. Macrae thought this was a very valid reason why the petition should not be granted. He moved that the representatives of the sessions be heard.

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Mr. Chapman—We do not wish for any more time. We contend that we are strictly within the law in putting this petition before the Presbytery now. We do not wish to do any more, and we do not intend to do any more. That is the long and short of it.

Rev. D. A. Macrae was then heard, on behalf of the session of St. Andrew's, whose views were fully set forth in a report which they had adopted for presentation.

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Mr. McKillop spoke in support of the report presented. He stated, however, that he did not believe St. Andrew's would be hurt in the least if the permission asked for were granted, especially if the new congregation located in James Bay, as St. Andrew's had once contemplated starting a branch or mission there.

Mr. McKillop answered that a resolution favoring the starting of a mission in James Bay was still on the books of St. Andrew's church, who might yet go on with that project, if no one else did. He doubted very much whether a church could yet move there; the most thought of before was a mission hall. The farthest part was a mission hall, it must be remembered, was only a room from St. Andrew's.

Rev. Dr. Campbell spoke on behalf of the First church, and read a resolution passed by the session in which the opinion is expressed that there is at present no need for services in the place where the petitioners have been holding them, and further that if a site more remote from the present churches were selected, it would be more in the interest of the cause of Christ and of the church.

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He added that if permission were given to locate temporarily in the place suggested, very probably the congregation would not be willing to move. He thought a congregation might with advantage be organized at James Bay, where four out of his seven elders resided, and where there were 30 or 40 families now attending his church who had to come a distance too great for convenience.

He thought the petitioners were prejudiced by not having been properly commenced or carried out, and complicated by the mention of a name. He considered it would be unconstitutional and irregular to adopt it with any name there. As to the location, the petitioners had rented a building for a whole year, and the Presbytery were in a manner coerced into allowing this location if the petition was to be granted.

He reserved judgment on the application. Three elders deserted from the barque Lakelock, now lying at the wharf, on Sunday last, and managed to make their way to the American side without being apprehended.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The Nanaimo Board of Trade Discuss Direct Road to China Creek—Unlucky Yachtmanship.

Kootenay Shipping Ore at a Lively Rate—Kaelo's First Civic Elections.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 4.—The directory of the Columbian Methodist College met this afternoon, and it is understood fixed on Westminster as the permanent home of the college.

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CABLE NEWS.

Murder of a French Explorer in Madagascar—Edinburgh Entertains Royal Guests.

The Sultan Suspicious of Foad Pasha—Imperial Army Appointment.

Quarter-master General Wood.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—General Sir Evelyn Wood has been gazetted as quarter-master general to the forces to succeed General Sir R. Biddup, who has been appointed governor of Gibraltar.

Edinburgh's Holiday. EDINBURGH, Oct. 4.—This town took a holiday yesterday, the occasion being the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

A Wife Poisoner Sentenced. BERLIN, Oct. 4.—Herr Pohl, court physician in Hanover, poisoned his wife with prussic acid on Sunday. When arrested on suspicion last night he shot himself dead with a revolver.

Explorer Murdered. LONDON, Oct. 4.—The Times correspondent in Paris says: The last mail from Madagascar reports that George S. Muller, the explorer sent out by the French Government on a scientific mission, had been murdered.

Foad Pasha and the Sultan. LONDON, Oct. 4.—A special dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople says that, by order of the sultan, the residence of Foad Pasha was recently surrounded and searched on suspicion that he was storing dynamite there for the use of the Armenian conspirators.

AMERICAN NEWS. Bull Day at the Stock Exchange. New York, Oct. 4.—This was another dull day at the Stock Exchange. The tendency of prices, however, was upward, until the last half hour of business.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 4.—A number of freshmen were hazed by the sophomores on Monday night. After suffering other indignities, the boys were thrown into the canal.

SEVERE DIARRHOEA CURED. GENTLEMAN.—I was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over three years, and received no benefit from all the medicine I tried. I was unable to work from two to four days every week. Hearing of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, I began to use it. Am now all right.

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