

Methodist Conference

An Interesting Discussion on Church Union But no Action Taken.

Stationing Committee Present First Draft of Locations for the Year.

Funeral of Late Rev. Cornelius Bryant Took Place at Nanaimo.

From Our Own Correspondent.

VANCOUVER, May 15.—At the Methodist conference today Rev. Mr. Leston, of the First Baptist church, Rev. Merton Smith of Knox Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Logan and Rev. W. Wilson of the Presbyterian church, addressed the conference, speaking strongly in favor of the union of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, the result being to the effect that they were not differently bent, but were labeled differently. No definite action was taken.

Revs. W. E. Prescott and Joseph Hall introduced a resolution reciprocating the felicitations and kindly greetings of the Presbyterian and Congregational brethren, and a similar resolution addressed to the Baptist friends was passed. The initiative of Revs. G. K. B. Adams and T. W. Hall.

The remainder of the session was spent in committee, the work on Nairner and in Covichian, especially with respect to the latter point, at which it is proposed to establish a Sunday school, receiving detailed consideration.

Vancouver, May 14.—(Special)—Very enthusiastic were the conference sessions of yesterday during the election of conference officers. Rev. James A. Wood of Salmon Arm was the choice for president, a man worthy of the position of the church. He has had a varied experience and has seen the Methodist church in the state of affairs, spreading its branches in every direction.

Revs. A. M. Sanford, B. A. B. D., of Nanaimo, the popular chairman of the Victoria district, polled a large vote, and was a close second for this distinguished honor.

lead on leave and forgot to send him back. Someone else was sent out to take his place.

There are, Dr. Shanks states, some 3,000 whites in the island in government service or growing sugar. Many also are in the employ of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Each operates independently through the islands.

Dr. Shanks was in India in 1882, and was present at the Red Sea when the Emperor was killed. He was present at the storming of Tarnopol and holds an excellent record as an army surgeon. He writes for the "NONE BUT THE BRAVE."

Nanaimo Swains Settle Love Tangle in Fistic Arena.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 15.—Robt. Watson is in the hospital with a broken jaw, the result of a fist encounter with Jim McEwen. It is alleged that the young men quarreled over a girl, which led up to Watson issuing a challenge to McEwen.

New Westminster District. William H. Baraclochs, B. A., Willford Simpson, B. A., D. D., principal of C. M. College, by permission of conference; James H. White, D. D., local superintendent of missions; Thomas D. Pearson, John P. Howell, superannuated.

New Westminster (West End)—Albert J. Bracy, under superintendence of Queen's Street; New Westminister (Chinese Mission)—One to be sent (T. C. T.); under superintendence of Lader—Arthur N. Miller; Cloverdale and Langley—Robert Wilkins; Cloverdale—H. G. Roberts; Sumas—W. D. Miesner; Port Moody—Thomas Stillman; Joseph Hall, principal of Coquitla Institute, by permission of conference.

Victoria, May 15.—The Dominion government is about to expend \$5,000,000 in improving the defences of Quebec. In the old days Gibraltor was the key to the city. It was taken by the British in 1759. Three years ago when Col. Strange, British inspector of artillery, was in command, he pointed out the inadequacy of the fortification of Quebec from the modern point of view, and recommended among other things the erection of a battery on the shore of the St. Lawrence in order to prevent foreign vessels entering the harbor. The government has been going on with the Imperial government with the result that an understanding has now been arrived at. Two forts are to be built at Beauport, one on the north bank of the St. Lawrence. The plans are being prepared by the British war office engineering department. Work will be begun on the forts next month.

Dominion News Notes

Three Millions to be Expended in Modernizing Quebec Defences.

Montreal City Council Persist in Action Declared to be Illegal.

Another Bank Official Helps Himself to Funds for Speculation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Waterloo, N. Y., May 15.—The State Bank of Ovid, one of the institutions owned and operated by A. C. Wilcox & Company, has been closed today by State Commissioner Leonard. No hint is given as to the present condition has been issued.

Deaths of a Day.

Little Rock, Ark., May 15.—General Thos. J. Churchill, former governor of Arkansas, commander of the military division under Confederate veterans, is dead in this city.

Cincinnati, O., May 15.—Samuel Hunt, president of the Detroit Southern railroad, died at his home here today.

Waterloo, N. Y., May 15.—Robert Marston, aged 86 years, a leading citizen of Waterloo, died at his home here today.

California Runs Amuck.

Kills Four Persons and Two Others Are Injured in San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., May 15.—William P. Robinson, a house-cleaner, ran amuck today, killing four people, and wounding two others. He was seen killing himself. The dead are: William Stewart, Mrs. Emma Stewart, H. W. Chase, Harry Dorringer and W. P. Robinson. W. H. Dorringer was injured by falling out of a window. At first Robinson was believed to be crazed by liquor, but later it was said that he threatened Dorringer for an alleged debt of \$500. He was shot by Dorringer in the dining-room, where young Stewart was at breakfast, and his pockets were taken. Robinson then entered his room, and going to the bathroom, he returned to his room, and reloaded his rifle, and leaving his knife, he slipped a revolver into his pocket. Then he descended to the first floor, on which Robinson was seen, and proceeded close to him, and suddenly throwing up his rifle, fired, the bullet entering Chase's breast close to the heart.

Rumor of Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—A naval action within a few days is regarded as likely in well-informed circles. The Associated Press reports that the Russian fleet is moving to the Kamranh bay, and the British fleet is moving to the south of the Kamranh bay. The Russian fleet is moving to the Kamranh bay, and the British fleet is moving to the south of the Kamranh bay. The Russian fleet is moving to the Kamranh bay, and the British fleet is moving to the south of the Kamranh bay.

French Deputy Urges Action.

Demands that the Government Compel Russia to Respect Neutrality.

No Alarm in London as to Outcome But Situation Appreciated.

Paris, May 15.—The Journalist Tokio correspondent writes as follows: "In the course of an interview, Count Okuma, formerly Japanese foreign minister, regarding the Kamranh bay, and the Honkoku incidents, stated that the presence of the warships in Indo-Chinese waters created a disquieting situation. It was only the good will of the British friendship with France which restrained the Japanese from proceeding to extreme measures. The government was endeavoring not to embitter the situation. It was necessary, however, to adopt a definite attitude. The Russian fleet moving towards the Russian bay, but the present measures do not appear to be affected by considerations of European politics. "Concerning peace, Count Okuma declared that Japan would neither demand nor accept a Russian ultimatum. Any proposition leaving Russia an opportunity for future vengeance, Japan must become the arbiter of the Far East."

Deputy Urges Action.

The postponement yesterday of the neuter dispute was due to the fact that the government's request, and brought on a sharp discussion of the subject. The Premier appealed to the patriotism of the deputies. The discussion of the neuter dispute was due to the fact that the government's request, and brought on a sharp discussion of the subject. The Premier appealed to the patriotism of the deputies. The discussion of the neuter dispute was due to the fact that the government's request, and brought on a sharp discussion of the subject. The Premier appealed to the patriotism of the deputies.

Speculator Arrested.

Toronto, May 15.—Lloyd, arrested at Newmarket, charged with misappropriation of trust funds and received on bail, admits that he lost \$30,000 in the speculation. He was arrested on a charge of fraud.

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