

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, October 6, 1893.

THE SUBSIDY DEMAND.

The Vancouver World is determined that the province shall obtain from the Dominion an increased subsidy on account of those Indians who are said to have been omitted from the Dominion census. It reproduces the document sent by the local government to Ottawa conveying the formal demand for an increase, and with it a letter from Mr. Gossnell bearing on the subject. The government document, after quoting the figures and facts as the inquiry developed them, proceeds to say:

"It is clear, therefore, that a large portion of the population of British Columbia has not been included in the census returns of 1881, and assuming the accuracy of the census return for the same year as the decennial census of Indians for British Columbia issued by the department of Indian Affairs, it is also clear that the Indian population alone, which has thus been omitted, number 11,839. The Committee of Council, in view of section 3 of the terms under which British Columbia became a province of Canada, and which stipulates that until the population amounts to 400,000 British Columbia shall receive from Canada an annual grant of an amount equal to eighty cents (80¢) per head of the population, as shown by each decennial census, remark that, according to the spirit and meaning of this provision, the census should be completely and accurately taken, and that such cannot be said to have been done so long as an omission of this magnitude exists in this case, remains uncorrected. Until the number of Indians residing in the province which have not been covered by the decennial census is ascertained, the committee would urge upon the Dominion government that an adherence to the letter and spirit of the terms of union requires that, for the purpose of the subsidy per capita grant, the population of 11,839 Indians, as shown by the census of the Indian Department, should be added to the population, thus making the total number upon which the grant is to be based 110,112."

Mr. Gossnell's letter offers contentions in the same direction, and moreover quotes Statistich Johnson as alleging that he had reports from Hudson Bay Company officers and other sources showing the existence of a number of Indians in the portion of this province not covered by the census. From all of which the World of course argues that the provincial government has a strong case against the Dominion in its claim for an increase of something like \$10,000 per annum. But Mr. Johnson, as appeared from the World's own correspondent the other day, is busily engaged in proving that the provincial government has not a good claim and expresses himself as confident of success. On this account the World charges that "as a statistical machine Mr. Johnson seems to have reversible gear to be operated upon to suit all purposes." Unfortunately Mr. Johnson has the Dominion government at his back, and unfortunately the Dominion government has the whip-handle in this dispute. As we have said all along, we should like to see the provincial government succeed in this matter, but we cannot blind ourselves to the facts, as the organs seem to have done. The simple fact seems to be that success is entirely dependent on the good will of the Ottawa government, and there is not the slightest indication so far of that good-will.

THOMPSON VS. FOSTER.

Sir John Thompson called forth plaudits from the admiring Tory organs when he announced that his government would deal with the prohibition question on its own responsibility and not resort to that cowardly device the plebiscite. The latter was an unworthy scheme, he said, and contrary to the spirit of the British constitution. For all this he was rewarded by the organs describing his utterances as "manly and statesmanlike" and showering other words of praise upon him. Of course these were coupled with a proportionate quantity of abuse for the Grits, who are mean enough to advocate the plebiscite plan. Now the Globe is cruel enough to show that Minister Foster, who was on the platform with Sir John, has himself been an advocate of the plebiscite as a means of settling the prohibition question. In a paper written for the Methodist Magazine in December, 1884, Mr. Foster said:

"I incline to the belief that we should do something more, and that is to keep the wider question of total prohibition before the people in a pressing practical way. The alternatives are either to ask the government of the day, whatever it may be, at a moment when a majority of the constituencies of the Dominion have adopted the Canada Temperance Act, to enact total prohibition or to ask for a 'yes' and 'no' vote from the people at the next general election. Which shall it be?"

"Again, I have no hesitation in saying that of the two I prefer the latter, and decidedly prefer it. My reasons are these. Total prohibition should have behind it unequivocally and certainly a strong majority sentiment. The issue should be presented and met on its full grounds and none other. The voice of all great sections of the country should be heard in the settlement of a question which will intimately affect all great sections."

"This most desirable end, it seems to me, can only be reached by obtaining the consent of Parliament to the taking of a 'yes' and 'no' vote, and such a vote can be most easily taken at a general election."

If Mr. Foster's accession to a ministerial seat has not changed his views on this as on other phases of the temperance question, he must have felt highly flattered when his chief was denouncing the plebiscite as a cowardly and un-British device. He must also be highly offended by this matter he is unfortunately obliged to agree with the unregenerate Grits.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Oct. 4.—J. P. of New York, is trying to improve the financial standing of the Y. M. C. A.

H. H. Spicer, mill owner, and Miss

Hart, of Victoria, were married in the Congregational church this morning. The secretary of the school board decided to put J. J. Douglas's name on the pay roll for the time he conducted the school room of Principal Sparling, whose certificate was suspended. The school embroglio will, therefore, likely go into the courts.

The Columbian Methodist College board meets in New Westminster to-day to decide upon a site for the new college. There is a strong rivalry between Chilliwack, Vancouver and New Westminster to be the choice.

Three half breeds and an Indian were arrested at Whistler yesterday for the highway robbery on the Blaine road of Chinese Tom.

City Solicitor Humesley left to-day for Ottawa to appeal before the supreme court in the case of the right of the city to the shore opposite the ends of the streets.

Through the influence of G. E. Corbould, M. P., the British farming delegates will be taken to the farming districts of the province.

Vancouver, Oct. 5.—An Association football club was formed last night; N. Wheeling, captain; Lewis Springer, secretary.

The Columbia Methodist college will be located at Westminster. At the meeting of the board yesterday eleven voted for Vancouver, where Clark's park has been offered, ten for Westminster and four for Victoria. The Victoria men swung round for Westminster and carried the day.

The scheme to tunnel the narrows for a water pipe has been abandoned for the present. On attempting to sink a test hole boulders were met and progress became impossible.

Comox coal will be tested on the Australian steamers.

Dalton McCarthy is coming to British Columbia to hold political meetings.

Bishop Durien returned to Westminster yesterday from Rome.

The last of the farmers' delegates left this morning. They will be banqueted at Mission City.

To-day's train is 12 hours late. The Premier left on time. The lacrosse men will live over here tonight.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Oct. 3.—Great anxiety was felt last evening by the friends of Pilot Sabiston for his safety. A report was brought to the boat house of a ship being sighted out in the Gulf bottom up, and it led to the suggestion that it was the pilot. A telegram was received by Mr. Sloan from Vancouver asking if a boat had arrived at Nanaimo from that city, as it was feared the occupants were drowned, so that there is a possibility that the old pilot may yet be safe.

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PETITION PRAYER REFUSED.

The Organization of a New Presbyterian Church Not Allowed.

JAMES BAY SUGGESTED AS A FIELD

Full Report of the Case of the Petitioners and Their Opponents—Members of the Church Called to Account for Writing to the Times.

In the Presbytery of Vancouver Island yesterday after the Times went to press, Clerk Macrae called the attention of the court to a letter in the Times, after the conclusion of the Macleod case, signed by C. B. Lockhart, Dr. Crompton and J. H. Falconer. The letter reflected upon Presbytery.

Mr. Macrae said the letter was not respectful. It was a clear case of contempt. The impartiality of the court was very strongly called in question. These gentlemen were not parties in the case. They were not interested. They had no right to write a communication to the public press. This was calculated to hold the court in contempt. The court must protect itself, and it would be quite competent to refuse to hear those persons unless they purge themselves of this contempt. The court did not wish to do this, but it was a petition. It was one of the most sacred in the Presbyterian church. He thought a retraction should be made, but in any event the right of petitioners should not be infringed.

Rev. B. Winchester asked if the gentlemen admitted having written the letter. If they admitted their signatures they naturally would not want to be heard in a court where justice was not meted out to them. Perhaps they might wish to apologize. The letter was written evidently in the heat of the affair. The court did not feel harshly. The signers did not know what they were doing. The signers had vowed to obey the authority of the Presbytery, and they had at their baptism and when they became members in full communion. The signers would appear to set all law and order at defiance.

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Presbytery and stated that in case of Presbytery refusing permission to organize a new church, the petitioners would be referred to the question of location.

Mr. Campbell called upon the petitioners to present their case.

Moderator Macrae—There were three representatives present. He had told them that if any information could be secured bearing on the case the committee would be glad to receive it. He asked Mr. Shaw and Mr. Winchester, the other members of the committee, to substantiate this. What did all this mean? He had lost many a night's sleep over the affair. Mr. Falconer and Dr. Crompton would not let Presbytery get at the bottom of the affair. He referred to the letter as "stuff."

Gordon Chapman objected to Moderator Macrae's remarks. For him to charge them with writing "stuff" was what a Christian gentleman would not do. He should be called to order.

Moderator—By the laws of the church I could call upon these gentlemen to prove assertions.

An additional petition asking for the adding of names to the original petition for organization was read and the names were ordered to be added.

Alex. Shaw corroborated Moderator Macrae's remarks. If the petitioners were asking for favors they were going the wrong way about it. He could sit for a long time and take everything in, but he came from a country where once the blood was up it was not easily cooled.

The letter of the petitioners was read.

Clerk Macrae said that no notice should be taken of it. It was disrespectful.

Gordon Chapman asked the Moderator if the communication was in order. The Moderator had said that it was, and he therefore thought that the remarks of Mr. Macrae were not in order.

Dr. Campbell said there had been sufficient discussion.

Rev. A. B. Winchester said the paper impeached the integrity of the court. He impeached the action of the committee and urged that the paper be not received. It was accordingly laid on the table.

Dr. Campbell said liberty would be given to the petitioners to introduce further evidence.

Dr. Crompton remarked that after what had been said the less said the better.

Mr. Falconer was called upon. He said two officers bearers of St. Andrew's church had told him that organization of a new Presbyterian church would not affect St. Andrew's. There were 150 names in the petition and there were over 100 more who would ally themselves to this church. The congregation was self-sustaining. The church was crowded. The last Sunday morning and evening service was very good. The financial part of it was arranged between Mr. Macleod and himself.

Dr. Campbell asked Mr. Falconer to confine himself to the petition and not be "giving away" Mr. Macleod in every sentence.

Mr. Falconer said they were not organized as a Presbyterian or any denominational church. It was simply a provisional arrangement. The location was only temporary. He would be glad to see the petitioners in the new church in Victoria. The old Methodist church had been leased for one year.

Howard Chapman—There were over 100 names in the petition and they would have \$75 to \$100 a week collected. There had never been less than 100 present Sunday morning and 250 in the evening. He thought Moderator Macrae should have looked up petitioners. He was absent and could have given information.

Dr. Campbell said that they would receive all information given.

A. Walkley said that they did not wish to draw from any other congregations. He respected Mr. Macleod and wished to sit under his ministry. It would be a serious step to refuse the petition. There were members who would be scattered and would not go to any other church.

William McKay thought the petitioners should have right of reply. He corroborated former statements.

Dr. Campbell replied that this was not a debate.

Gordon Chapman said that in open meeting in Nanaimo the members of St. Andrew's congregation had said that they could get along without the discommodated members. The fact of these members was proof positive that another church was required. The First church had not suffered and St. Andrew's had told them to go if they wanted. The finances he believed could be raised in sufficient sums to carry them through.

Moderator Macrae—What kind of a new congregation guarantee to pay current expenses? He wanted to know that the new congregation would do everything in decency and order.

Mr. Chapman said that the remark "in decency" was insulting and Moderator Macrae should retract.

Moderator Macrae said that he would have to apologize for the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Chapman said it was the infection of the church.

Moderator Macrae replied that he was not a rhetorician and it was coming down to a fine point to talk of infections. He asked if the congregation could give a guarantee of \$1500 or \$1800 for pastor's stipend.

Moderator Macrae asked them to fix upon the permanent location of the church and presbytery adjourned till this evening.

Moderator Macrae opened the evening session with prayer. The name of Mr. Young was dropped from the committee appointed to answer reasons of appeal of Rev. P. McF. Macleod from the judgment of the presbytery.

Dr. Campbell's name was substituted instead.

Moderator Macrae then asked the petitioners to give in any further light on the subject of the location of the new church and the financial status.

Gordon Chapman said that the petitioners had considered the subject of stipend and would not give an answer under this heading until they were properly constituted an organized body by presbytery.

He referred the presbytery to the book in answer to the question of location.

Mr. Falconer said the blue book only required stipend guarantee after organization. The petitioners would be willing to abide by the rules of the Presbyterian church in Canada. The permanent site of the church would be settled upon with the approval of presbytery. The blue book also referred to this as "after organization business."

Gordon Chapman asked if the law was correctly interpreted.

The chair said that the rule applied to congregations already organized.

Moderator Macrae said that the presbytery were only protecting themselves when they asked for a guarantee of \$1000, which was the smallest sum the law of the church allowed to Presbyterians.

Mr. Falconer—Suppose that the congregation give an undertaking that they will not fall back on the presbytery.

Moderator Macrae replied that that would not do. A stipulated sum must be mentioned.

Gordon Chapman said that they were strictly within the law according to blue book and did not intend to give any further promise.

E. B. McKicking, on behalf of St. Andrew's congregation, said that the session of St. Andrew's church never had any disposition to get rid of its members. They wanted members. He read from the report placed by session to committee by Nanaimo presbytery to enquire into the matter. The report said that the session of St. Andrew's believed that the new church was not being formed because the growth of Presbyterianism required it and that existing Presbyterian churches could accommodate all Presbyterians. St. Andrew's church was under financial difficulty and the formation of another church would not be beneficial to the Presbyterian church in Victoria. The report also stated that the rules of the church in the matter of organization had not been properly complied with. Some of the members of the new congregation before being granted disjunction from St. Andrew's were taking part in the formation of a new church and in that manner creating a schism. St. Andrew's church opposed organization for those reasons.

J. B. McKillingan said he reiterated in the strongest terms that not one of them had expressed anything but the kindest feeling towards the petitioners. He had said at Nanaimo that Mr. Macleod was welcome to any members of St. Andrew's who could not worship under any other minister. This was said in the kindest manner. The presbytery must satisfy themselves of the necessity for a congregation and that the law of the church has been complied with. The objections were on broad general Presbyterian grounds. The formation of a new congregation would not affect St. Andrew's. They doubted the wisdom of the action of the petitioners.

Anything without further instruction. The new congregation had to stay there for the year. If the presbytery could say to the petitioners that after the lapse of that would be different.

Clerk Macrae said that the present congregation might not be the congregation of the year to come and that congregation would not feel themselves bound by any previous action. If a new Presbyterian church were organized in the centre of the city it would mean three pastors running after one man.

J. B. McKillingan wanted a man named in James Bay. It was a rather wide area.

Moderator Macrae, Alexander Shaw and Rev. A. B. Winchester were appointed to confer with petitioners and report on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery met at 10 o'clock this morning when Moderator Macrae stated that the committee appointed to confer with the petitioners for the new church had reported no progress. The matter was laid over for consideration at the afternoon session.

It was decided that Cedar Hill, East Fernwood and Spring Ridge should be erected into a mission and supply given by Presbytery in the usual way.

It was recommended that a student missionary be appointed. The Presbytery had asked the church and manse board to loan \$700 on each of the above missions, to be repaid in five annual instalments, and recommended that the additional \$500 be raised in Victoria. A letter was read from Dr. Robertson stating that the loan referred to had been granted by the church and manse board at Winnipeg, and that Mr. Chisholm, a student of Manitoba Theological College, would be appointed. Mr. Macrae's motion to continue in charge until Mr. Chisholm's arrival was carried.

Rev. Mr. Macrae reported \$500 on hand towards the erection of a new church at Cedar Hill, the result of the Ladies' Aid Society's efforts.

The report of Mr. D. Ross was read re the separation of Cedar Hill from Victoria West. The people of St. Paul's had cheerfully guaranteed the necessary sum to pay Mr. Macrae's salary, interest and other necessary expenses.

Rev. Mr. Macrae reported that so far the people of Victoria West had met all financial engagements, besides reducing the debt on the building to the extent of between \$200 and \$300 per year.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Presbytery be held at Nanaimo on the third Monday in December at 2:30 o'clock.

Alex. Shaw asked if the establishment of a church at the corner of Pandora avenue and Broad streets would affect St. Andrew's.

J. B. McKillingan replied that the question could not well be answered unless it was said whether that would be permanent location.

Dr. Campbell, on behalf of the First Presbyterian church, read a resolution submitted to the committee. The resolution said that the people of St. Paul's had cheerfully guaranteed the necessary sum to pay Mr. Macrae's salary, interest and other necessary expenses.

Whereas the old Methodist church, the present place of worship is within 500 yards of St. Andrew's church and 300 yards of First Presbyterian church, and the organization of a new church in such proximity to those two churches is calculated to weaken these churches.

Whereas the mission station at East Fernwood and Spring Ridge are severed by action of the presbytery of Victoria from St. Andrew's church and First church respectively and thereby considerably weakened.

Whereas it is the expressed opinion of the representatives of the petitioners as well as all other parties interested that there is no need of a new organization in the vicinity of the present place of worship.

Whereas notwithstanding the fact that the petitioners have been unable to ascertain whether the proposed new organization will be able to self-sustaining or not.

Whereas the name of the Rev. P. McF. Macleod mentioned in the petition as pastor elect of the proposed organization is contrary to the laws and usage of the Presbyterian church in such cases.

Whereas Rev. P. McF. Macleod is at present under censure of this presbytery and therefore cannot be appointed by this court.

Whereas the petitioners refuse organization in James Bay, notwithstanding that the sessions of St. Andrew's and First church, the missionary in charge of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, and the presbytery are unanimous in the belief that not only is there room but need of mission work in this locality to overflow the work of our church.

Resolved, that the presbytery refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioners in present form but recommend that the petitioners proceed immediately to take the necessary steps to petition the presbytery for organization at a central point in James Bay district.

The resolution was seconded by Elder Shaw and carried unanimously by the presbytery.

The chair asked if the petitioners acquiesced, and J. H. Falconer replied that a communication from the congregation had stated their views on the subject.

Dr. Campbell again asked whether they acquiesced.

Mr. Falconer said they protested and would appeal to the synod.

Moderator Macrae, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. D. Macrae and Elder Shaw were appointed a committee to answer reasons of appeal of the petitioners to synod, and the presbytery concluded with benediction.

Almost a Dead Letter.

A. Sexton edits and A. Coffin publishes a paper in Arizona called the Tombstone Epitaph. Mark Deadman is the foreman of the office. Miss Angel is a correspondent, and Paul Graves one of the oldest subscribers. The paper doesn't pretend to deal with live issues.—The News-Paper Man.

A Great Gold Field.

The estimated value of the Rand mines in South Africa this year is a total of 1,500,000 ounces, which would be worth about \$23,000,000. Each month has shown an advance of output except February. In August the yield was 130,000 ounces. South Africa is now the most prolific auriferous region in the world, but it has been very skimped so far, there still being vast reefs deposits to develop. One thing is greatly in favor of enterprise. The milling is said to be conducted fairly in the interests of shareholders, and the processes are the most economical known, with the result that almost every particle of gold is extracted, and the tailings, after treatment, are valueless.

SPORTING INTE

Matters of Interest to Sportsmen.

CHAMPIONS

Toronto, Oct. 2.—Championship games of the Association were held in the presence of 3,000 spectators. Light-Gov. King, Premier, and other prominent men created most enthusiastic interest.

Fred Young's victory in the half-mile race, run in the presence of 3,000 spectators