

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1907.

SEVERAL CHURCHES HOLD
THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS

Congregations of a Number of Baptist and Presbyterian Churches Gathered Last Night to Hear Reports and Elect Officers—Brussels Street Church Has a Surplus.

Several of the Presbyterian and United Baptist churches held their annual meetings last night. In the case of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the meeting was postponed for a week. The results of the others are as follows:

St. Stephen's

At the meeting of St. Stephen's church, in the school room, there was a large attendance. Rev. Gordon Dickie, the pastor, presided. Encouraging reports were received from the societies in connection with the church work. As all the accounts have not been passed upon by the auditors, a statement was not given out, but the finances of the church were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The trustees elected were: Dr. A. W. MacKay, Dr. Barry Doig, George W. Fleming, Wm. Gilchrist, J. Cecil Mitchell, D. McArthur, Sr., Henry C. Page, George M. Robertson and Benjamin Roden.

St. Matthew's

In St. Matthew's church, Douglas avenue, a social was held in the church before the business was transacted. At the meeting encouraging reports of a strong revival were received from the various organizations connected with the church. New pews ordered last year are in course of construction and will soon be placed in position.

The total receipts were \$1,855.00, and the expenditure \$1,023.61, leaving a balance of \$831.39. The figures from the various societies were:

	Receipts	Expend.
General church fund	\$1,271.35	\$1,258.38
Sunday school	89.12	72.12
Ladies' Aid Society	138.76	72.89
Gen. Mission Fund	33.37	3.87
John Wilson Fund	45	23.87
Debt Fund	52.40	50.00
Total	\$1,668.95	\$1,438.13

The trustees elected were: J. P. Gregory, J. Schurman, H. Keim, G. O. Corbett, Thornton, F. C. Hastings and F. McManis.

St. David's

Despite the cold weather, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of St. David's church. An interesting feature was the appointment of a strong committee to begin at once preparations for the celebration of the 8th anniversary of the church on Dec. 6, 1908, as it is planned to make the commemoration of the founding a notable one.

The church and society reports for the year were considered satisfactory. The financial statement showed:

	Receipts	Expend.
Balance cash in bank Jan. 1	\$1,100.00	
For congregational purposes	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
For church and society purposes	1,633.40	1,633.40
Other religious and benevolent purposes	361.75	
Total	\$2,894.15	\$2,733.40

The following were elected trustees: F. P. Burpee, R. M. Currie, G. H. Switzer, D. McClelland, T. J. McPherson, A. R. Melrose, N. J. Morrison, James Seaton and D. R. Willet. Wm. J. Fraser was re-elected church treasurer.

St. John Church

Last evening the annual congregational meeting of St. John church was held. Reports were received from the various societies and departments of church work and were very satisfactory. The roll call showed 139 names at the beginning of the year. Since then four members have been added by profession of faith. There have been three deaths and one removal from the church, leaving the present membership 155.

Trustees were elected as follows: C. H. Joie, H. H. Burns, J. V. Russell, C. Cunningham, J. H. Crockett, W. J. Parks, W. S. Clawson, N. Morrison and J. C. Henderson.

Brussels St. Baptist

The annual business meeting of the Brussels street United Baptist church was held last evening at the close of the weekly prayer meeting. Rev. A. B. Cohoe, the pastor of the church, occupied the chair. The financial report, which was read by Frank Fales, the treasurer, showed a surplus of \$230. The statement was received with much satisfaction as being the healthiest for the past thirty years, and was regarded as especially encouraging on account of the heavy expense of \$500 recently incurred for lighting the church.

On the question of estimated expenditure for the coming year, extensive reports were stated to be necessary to renew the pinning of the church, but the treasurer did not anticipate any financial difficulties.

O. Belyea, Frank Fales and H. W. Belding. Others—R. W. Smith, A. H. Chipman, C. E. Vail. Collection—A. W. Estey, F. Allwood, L. A. Belyea.

House—Frank Fales, Chas. E. Vail. Membership—L. A. Belyea, Mrs. Julia Elliott, Mrs. J. N. Golding, Sr. and Mrs. F. M. Belyea.

Music—A. W. Estey, A. H. Chipman, C. E. Vail. Sick—Mrs. A. B. Cohoe, Mrs. J. N. Golding, Sr., Mrs. T. M. Belyea, Mrs. J. McGinty and other ladies of the church. Sunday school committee—L. A. Belyea, C. E. Vail, J. E. B. Herd, A. H. Chipman, A. W. Estey.

The annual Sunday school report shows an increase of 50, the aggregate attendance for the main school and 100 for the Chinese school. The enrollment is about 170 in the main school, 62 in the primary department and 25 in the Chinese school. Three members of the Chinese department are members of the church, and four more have asked to be received in baptism. Mrs. J. N. Golding, Sr., has been reappointed superintendent of the school. Rex Gaster has been appointed librarian. The other officers of the Sunday school are: L. A. Belyea, assistant superintendent; C. T. Baillie, assistant superintendent; and Ralph Fales, secretary.

Leinster St. Church
The annual business meeting of Leinster street Baptist church was held last evening, the pastor, Rev. W. Camp, presiding. The report of the clerk, A. A. Wilson, showed that during the year eight new members had been received by baptism and twenty-seven by letter, while six had been dismissed by letter. The present membership is 302.

The treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year were \$2,000.29, and the disbursements \$2,714.38, leaving a balance of \$785.91. From the various societies were:

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The following resolution in regard to temperance was adopted:

"That this church views with considerable satisfaction and approval the fact that the law of the province of New Brunswick has been amended so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to the general public, and that the church should continue to exert its influence in support of this law, and to encourage its members to abstain from the use of such liquors."

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MORE HORRORS
FROM RUSSIA

School Girls and Boys the Victims of Court Martial—Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Executed Because Her Brother Made Bombs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 16. — Russian public opinion has become so dulled by repeated horrors that even the wholesale execution of child "revolutionaries" excites no attention.

During the past three months over 150 minors, boys and girls, have been executed by the field court-martial instituted by M. Stolypin.

The majority of these were under 15 years of age, but over a score of boys and girls of 17 and several of 16 and 15 years of age have been sent to the scaffold.

The vast majority of these children were guilty of no more serious offense than ordinary robbery.

Whether they are guilty or innocent is immaterial; indeed, innocent people are being hanged every day in order to keep up the average.

Ten people were hanged in Riga. All but two were minors. Among them was a 16-year-old schoolboy, Rudolph Ruman, Ruman's office was that he stole \$800 from a cashier, and that he looked on while revolutionists burned the castle of Baron Mestrich.

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SPORTING

SPRINTING
The much talked of forty yards race between E. Small, of St. Peter's Y. M. C. A., and J. O'Neill and Joseph's Y. M. C. A., took place last evening in the Queen's Rinkway and Small proved the winner in the last time of 4.4 seconds by a narrow margin. Small's rivals in this event proved too much for his opponent.

The race was the outcome of the recent Marathon sports, O'Neill and Small won their respective heats in their own way in the final heat Small was the winner. Supporters of the St. Joseph's team were disappointed with the result as the runners interfered with the race and it was a narrow margin.

The officials were: Frank White, starter; W. G. Seville, F. W. Chapman, judges; A. K. Munday, R. Dowd, time.

SKATING
A one-mile roller race was staged by Olive and Alward, who won by about two feet in 2.40. The officials were: F. L. Potts, Allan Black, J. E. McLean, W. G. Seville, W. A. Lockhart, A. K. Munday, time.

St. Andrew's Lady Curriers.
Yesterday morning, in the first match of the lady curriers of St. Andrew's club, Mrs. J. O'Neill and Joseph's Y. M. C. A., took place last evening in the Queen's Rinkway and Small proved the winner in the last time of 4.4 seconds by a narrow margin.

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CURLING
AMHERST BONSPIEL.
Amherst, N. S., Jan. 16.—Ideal curling weather still prevails. During the day and this evening the thermometer has recorded 14 below zero.

As the days go by interest increases and who will be in the finals is now being given to the question hand. Among the more active curlers present are John Vinton and Dan McDonald, of Pictou. These two men thirty-four years ago the first of this month, were in a game played on Christie's Pond, Amherst, being the first inter-provincial game ever played in the maritime provinces. It was between McDonald and Alex. Marshall, of New Glasgow. These gentlemen were in the team which about thirty years ago wrested the governor general's cup from their opponents at Ottawa.

The following is the result of the games to date:

20TH CENTURY TROPHY.
First Round.
B. Deverber, New Glasgow, beat A. R. Grant, Mayflower, 12 to 6.

Alex. Glasgow, beat Jack McDougall, Amherst, 17 to 9.
James Dover, Truro, beat W. Murray, Sackville, 13 to 11.

John Vinton, Pictou, beat W. P. Cunningham, Antigonish, 12 to 11.
A. Costley, Halifax, beat R. C. Fuller, Amherst, 15 to 12.

G. H. McDonald, St. John, beat J. W. Taylor, Amherst, 18 to 9.
George W. Stuart, Truro, beat P. F. MacKenzie, Truro, beat C. J. Kerr, Halifax, 17 to 7.

N. O. Campbell, Amherst, beat Prof. Sweetser, Sackville, 18 to 10.
T. Murray, Sackville, beat W. R. MacKenzie, Amherst, 15 to 7.

CHILDREN'S COURT
DOES GOOD WORK

Claim of Agent of St. Vincent de Paul Society in Toronto

P. Hynes, assistant secretary and agent of the St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society, has drawn up a report of the work of the Children's Court in Toronto, to be submitted to the government, which constitutes a reply to the criticisms of the work done there. Those who disapprove of the present system of dealing with children's offenses claim that the cases do not receive sufficient attention, and find fault with the shortness of time taken to dispose of them.

In Mr. Hynes' statement he says that during the past year 207 cases were brought to the attention of the officers of the law, and came up in the Children's Court. Of these 25 children were wards of different charitable institutions; 40 pupils were fined, 33 discharged, and 160 remained in custody on after short terms of detention.

Replying to the criticisms of the system, Mr. Hynes says that there are nine sittings of the court during the week. In all serious cases brought up, where guilt is apparent by admission or evidence, the magistrate remands the accused to the shelter for a week, according to their religion. The agents are then instructed to make full enquiry as to their conduct generally and more especially as to their home surroundings. When the children come up again the agent gives their record, home advantages and drawbacks, which exercise considerable influence with the magistrate in deciding the cases. For instance, if the agent reports a first offense, with previous good character and good surroundings, the magistrate usually remands the case till called on for sentence; and on the other hand, there have been other cases against the accused, or if their parents are bad, the children are sent to the Industrial School or to some society so that they may have a chance of development into respectable citizens.

The contention of the report is that the New Glasgow Club, which was organized in 1854. They have thus the honor of being players in the match which made Amherst the birthplace of inter-provincial matches, but also in the greatest bonspiel in Eastern Canada. Two others who deserve special mention are P. A. McKeown and Alex. Marshall, of New Glasgow. These gentlemen were in the team which about thirty years ago wrested the governor general's cup from their opponents at Ottawa.

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GENERAL BOOTH'S VISIT
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EVERYDAY CLUB
There Was Another Large Gathering in the Rooms Last Night to Enjoy Goon Programme.

Though the weather was very cold, still several hundred men gathered in the Every Day Club quarters last evening, and they were well repaid. Michael Kelly played several piano numbers and sang songs and gave readings. Wm. McAvour contributed a reading, and Harry Beville delighted all with clever juggling and club swinging. A general discussion on organization matters was participated in, and considerable advance was made. The success of the club is a delight to the promoters, who are greatly pleased to see so many taking advantage of the attractive quarters and entertainment provided.

A. L. Turgon, son of O. Turgon, M. P. for Gloucester, has been nominated for a vacant seat in the Saskatchewan legislature.

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