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NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E.
ISLAND CONFERENCE.

The Conference opened on June 28th,
at 9.30 o'clock, a. m. After the reading
of the Scriptures by the Secretary, the
478th hymn was sung, and prayer offered
by the Revs. J. Lathern and J. Prince.
The Conference then proceeded to the
election of President.

After several votes had been taken, Rev.
John Prince was declared elected; and,
amid the hearty cheers of the Conference,
he walked to the platform, and was wel-
comed to the chair by the retiring Presi-
dent. The Rev. H. Sprague, A. M., was
re-elected Sec'y.; Rev. Joseph Hart was
re-elected Journal Sec'y.; Revs. Paisley
and Duteber were elected assistant Secre-
taries; and Rev. R. Weddall, assistant
Journal Secretary.

The President then appointed the usual
committees, and without delay they en-
tered upon their work. An important
matter which had been prominently be-
fore the P. E. Island and other Districts,
was then brought before the Conference,
the matter of the manner of the treatment
of the Lay Representatives to our annual
Conferences. The following motion was
put and unanimously carried: "That all
laymen appointed to attend Conferences
hereafter be provided for as to travelling
arrangements, homes in the Conference
town, &c., just as ministers are provided
for." This is an important matter; and
had it been dealt with as above long be-
fore much dissatisfaction and inconve-
nience to many of our laymen would have
been avoided. Rev. Mr. McKeown gave
notice that it is his intention to memora-
lize through the Conference the Board of
Governors of the Sackville Institutions
with reference to the reduction of the ex-
penses of the education of ministerial
children.

A special committee, to consider the
action we ought to take relative to the sad
losses in the destruction of Connexional
property sustained by the late fire in St.
John. The time having arrived for open-
ing the Conference prayer meeting, the
Conference adjourned until Friday morn-
ing.

Several committees met in the after-
noon. In the evening the Conference
Missionary meeting was held opening at
7.30 o'clock. The attendance was very
good. The President occupied the chair,
and ably directed the exercises of the
evening. The meeting was opened by
singing the 690th hymn, and the offering
of prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smallwood. The
chairman made a brief but very excellent
address, which gave a very healthful and
proper tone to the meeting. The Secre-
tary—Rev. Joseph Hart—presented the
annual Report, which was an excellent
one as to its conciseness and interest.

The first topic was entrusted to the care
of Rev. S. T. Teed. It reads as follows:
"Practical duties arising out of our steward-
ship in relation to the evangelization of
the world." The speaker after a few in-
troductions, proceeded to give a few
reasons why we should give of our
substance for the purpose of the evange-
lization of the world. The following is
a synopsis of those reasons: (1) All
things are God's; (2) God asserts his
claims, by his mercies, and by the severities
of his Providence; and (3) We are
commanded to be merciful as our Father
which is in heaven is merciful. The work-
ing out, illustration and presentation of
the above points exhibited much skill,
ability and care; and made a good im-
pression upon an attentive audience. The
discussion of the second topic was, in
the absence of Prof. Burwash, committed to
the Rev. Mr. Percival. It read as fol-
lows: "The successes of the past." The

speaker said it was good to be connected
with an advancing cause; and that re-
counting the successes of the missionary
enterprise, no room for doubt existed that
it was advancing. He said that the grand
foundation upon which the claims of this
cause rest is the word of God. He then
referred to the success of the past year
under the following heads: (1) Finan-
cial; (2) Numerical; and (3) Spiritual.
Much fault had been found in some quar-
ters with our methods of saving souls. It
was very easy to find fault—not so easy
to suggest improvement. Let the objec-
tors to our methods send forth their apos-
tles to expound and carry into effect their
methods, and we will gladly follow as
they suggest. We must not, however,
wait their motion in this direction, else
we wait while souls perish.

The third topic: "The Treasury of the
Church," was ingeniously and ably handled
by Rev. Mr. Currie. If he had time he
would show that there was no religion
without money; but, as it was after nine
o'clock he would not attempt this. He
would only have time to suggest, not to
present in detail, what he had to say. He
would show that it was the duty of the
Church to take care of the treasury of the
Lord. Illustrations of this duty and the
great benefits arising from attention there-
to were gathered from the Old and New
Testaments. A fine point was made out
of the fact that "wise men" brought
among other gifts to the infant Jesus,
gold. "Gold," said the speaker. "Of
course—they were wise men." And there
has never been a time since when the
"gold" ought not to be brought to Jesus.
On the Tuesday next before his crucifixion
Christ was very busy; yet he found
time to sit down. Where did he sit—Over
against treasury. What for? To be-
hold how the people cast money into the
treasury. Did Jesus guard the treasury?
It is our duty to take care of the treasury
of the Lord.

His Honor Judge Wilmot was the next
speaker. When called upon to take a
place upon the platform and a part in the
meeting he felt like declining, but he
could not refuse. For it might be that
he would never have another opportunity
to speak in advocacy of Methodist mis-
sions. He owed everything to Metho-
dism, under God. The grace of God, con-
ferred instrumentally by Methodism upon
him, had been a great blessing to him in
various departments of his past life. In
political contests, and he had seen fierce
ones in his day—and upon the floors of
the Legislature, he had by that grace been
enabled to do and defend the right. His
attachment and devotion to the institu-
tions and the polity of Methodism were
increasing with his advancing years. So
that now he could endorse with more reso-
luteness than ever before the words of
Watts—

"Should all the forms that men devise,
Assault my faith with treacherous art,
I'd call them vanity and lies."
And bind thy gospel to my heart."
He had often met representatives of cer-
tain religionists who objected to our way
of reaching and saving the lost. "Because
we had not their sanctions we ought not
to do the work, albeit, we do it never so
thoroughly. Here the Judge introduced a
telling illustration in which was couched
a cutting rebuke to the objectors, referred
to. He closed by addressing a few re-
marks especially to young men. These
remarks were very stimulating and en-
couraging to the class to whom they were
spoken.

SECOND DAY—FORENOON SESSION.
Conference opened by reading Scrip-
ture and singing hymns; after which
prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Teed. The
committee, appointed to consider our
course relative to the reconstruction of
the connexional buildings destroyed in
St. John, reported. This committee after
suitable expressions of sympathy, &c., re-
commended the following course: That
the Rev. H. Sprague, A. M., be sent to
England; Revs. Duncan and McKeown
to the States; Revs. Lathern and Currie
to the Western Conferences of our own
Church; Revs. Evans and Ackman to N. B.
and P. E. I.; Revs. Teed and Hart to
Nova Scotia; and Dr. Stewart to New-
foundland, to solicit aid. These brethren
are to enter upon the work assigned them
immediately; and it is believed that they
will meet with a hearty reception on the
part of those to whom they go. A letter

from the Nova Scotia Conference, expres-
sive of the sympathy of that Conference
with ours in the sad loss sustained by the
St. John fire, and assuring us of its readi-
ness to aid in every possible way in re-
pairing that loss, was read. Its reading
was followed by a hearty cheer.

Several items of re-arrangement and
appointment for the Conference Sabbath
were next attended to. Then followed a
lengthy discussion upon the subject of a
mission to the lumbermen of N. B. In
this several of the brethren took part.
Rev. Mr. Colpitts reported very fully and
interestingly his labors in this department
during the past year. Upon motion it
was resolved that a man be especially de-
signated for this work. After the sub-
mission and acceptance of the programme
for the Educational meeting the Confer-
ence passed to the order of the day. The
cases of probationers and candidates were
then taken up and disposed of. An ap-
plication from the Rev. Mr. Todd, a min-
ister of the Reformed Episcopal Church,
for admission into this Conference was
read by the Secretary. On motion the
letter writers were directed to courteously
reply to Mr. Todd informing him that
since our work was full of men the Con-
ference could not entertain his applica-
tion. Conference adjourned to meet in
the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Rev. H. Daniel in the chair. After the
usual devotional exercises the question
—"Who become supernumeraries?"
was taken up. In this connection the
names of Rev. Dr. Pickard, Rev. John A.
Clarke, A. M., and Rev. John Ellis were
reported. It was sincerely regretted that
one so young as Bro. Ellis should find it
absolutely necessary, by reason of failing
health, to seek such a relation. The case
of Dr. Pickard called forth some very
touching remarks from several members
of the Conference, and produced in the
minds of all much regret that one so long,
so honorable, and so efficiently connected
with the active work of the church should
now feel called upon to seek a supernu-
merary relation. The remarks made by
Bro. Smallwood relative to Dr. P.'s con-
nection with the organization and guard-
ianship of the Supernumerary Fund, and the
benefits thereby conferred were very ap-
propriate and impressive. Bro. McKeown
alluded very feelingly to Dr. P.'s long min-
istry; and although he (Bro. McK.) did
not always see eye to eye with the Dr., yet
he was sorry that he was now retiring. He
intimated that our ministers, are not as a
rule, permitted to live long after they are
compelled to "become supernumeraries";
but he hoped that the Dr.'s case might
prove an exception to this—that he might
be long spared to aid by his presence, wis-
dom and counsel in the work, and com-
mittees in connection with our annual
gatherings. Bro. Cowperthwaite made
in behalf of the junior members of the
Conference, a few very timely remarks.
While he could not overlook the fact that,
in a variety of ways, the usefulness of Dr.
P. had been exhibited; he felt that as an
educator, Dr. P. had laid this Conference
and country, under lasting obligations.

He (Dr. P.) had left the impress of his
master mind upon all the young minis-
ters in the Conference who have been un-
der his tuition, and upon many others
throughout these Lower Provinces.
The sympathy of the Conference with
Bro. Clarke in his forced return to the
supernumerary ranks was expressed. The
recommendations were passed in order.

Some discussion relative to the camp-
meeting was had, and to it the following
form was given: "That the Conference
heartily approves of the decision and ar-
rangements of the Fredericton District to
hold a camp-meeting, and prays that it
may be made a blessing." Just at this
juncture Rev. W. H. Withrow—Editor of
the "Canadian Methodist Magazine" was
conducted to the platform; and amid
cheers, was introduced to the Conference.
Mr. W. made only a few remarks; and
said that as he was very weary from trav-
elling, and as he was going to remain a
few days he would defer until a future
opportunity saying what he had to say.
The Conference then adjourned until
Saturday morning.

In the evening beginning at 8 o'clock,
the Conference Educational meeting was
held. There was not a large audience.
The exercises were begun by singing the

74th hymn; after which prayer was
offered by Rev. Mr. Barratt. After a
few appropriate remarks by the chairman,
the Report of the Society was presented
by the Secretary—Rev. R. Duncan. The
first speaker was the Rev. Mr. Percival.
He said it was not necessary for him to
show the importance of our Educational
interests. To us as a denomination they
are unquestionably important. We do
not deem education the only necessary
qualification for our ministry. Piety,
deep seated piety is the principal thing.
The importance of this work increases as
the year rolls round. Once one sermon
could be made to do far more service than
it can be made to do to-day. Our minis-
ters have now to appear more frequently
before the same people than formerly—
hence the necessity of the production of
new sermons continually. Then the gen-
eral education of the people procured by
the efficient state of our public schools
renders the education of our ministers a
necessity. He then presented the chief
difficulty in the way of the progress of
our Educational work, viz., "The lack of
the necessary means to carry on the work."
He showed that on account of this lack
here, and the strong inducements held
out by institutions over the border, many
of our young men were leaving us, some
of them not to return.

Rev. Mr. Wardwell, of the East Maine
Conference, was the next speaker. He
said that similar difficulties as those dwelt
upon by Mr. Percival were experienced in
his Conference. The tide was always set-
ting West. In his Conference they were
raising the standard of education; but
they were holding on to another idea;
that whatever education a man gets we
want it to be set on fire with the blaze of
the Holy Ghost.

The next speaker was the Rev. Levi S.
Johnson who announced as his topic:—
"Our higher educational work being a legacy
of benevolence, lays us under obligation to
the past; and bids us, in the Providence of
God, to transmit it in increased efficiency,
to the generations to come." In some local-
ities this theme was unpopular; but in
this University city it could not be so.
Education was no new thing in Metho-
dism. Our church was born in a Univer-
sity, and she has abandoned it. Under
the direction and influence of educated
men Methodism was nurtured and pro-
moted; and the advantages of this reach
down to us. We are under obligation to
transmit these advantages to others yet
to come. Our educational machinery is
designed to benefit not only ministers,
but all ministers who attend our institu-
tions. There were various ways by which
to further this work: (1) By sympathy
with the professors and teachers. Both
ministers and people ought to sympathize.
Such sympathy would not be misplaced.
(2) By cash contributions. There can be
no true education without gold. (3) By
prayer. We must never lose sight of the
necessity of the Divine blessing and of
the method by which this is to be secured.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson—Editor of the
WESLEYAN, and ex-President of the N. S.
Conference—was the next speaker. He
introduced himself by relating an amus-
ing anecdote; and proceeded to say that
while Methodism goes on to higher cul-
ture, it still retains its idea of the necessity
of the power of godliness. In illustration
and proof of the necessity and unpeak-
able benefits of genuine piety he related
the circumstances in connection with the
life and death of Bro. Dutton in New-
foundland. He then dwelt upon the
duties of ministers, people and students, in
relation to our Educational interests.

Rev. Mr. Lathern, being introduced,
said he felt tempted to make a speech.
Memories of twenty years thronged his
mind. He thought of a time sixteen years
ago when, at this altar, he received one
that to him was still his greatest earthly
treasure. Many changes had taken place
since then. The young people had so
changed that he did not know them. He would
not occupy the time, but leave it to our
distinguished and welcome visitor, Rev.
Mr. Withrow.

Mr. Withrow being introduced said that
he had read somewhere of a pompous per-
son being asked by another: "Mr. —,
are you any one in particular?" "Well,"
said Mr. W., "I am no one in particular
—I represent no one but myself." After
referring to the pleasure experienced at
being present, to the beauties of the coun-
try, to the birth-place of his mother-
try, to the Grand Lake, N. B., and to the disastrous
fire in St. John, he proceeded to express
his sympathy with our Educational So-
ciety. Some say they "dread a man made
ministry." So do we. If it is true that
"God has no need of human learning," it
is not less true that "He has still reas-
oned of human ignorance." He then
showed how God had selected men of
educational attainments to carry on the
work. Moses from the Egyptian court,
the centre of learning at that time, being
called to an important post; and Paul
trained at the feet of Gamaliel, after he
was called to preach, not only to the illi-
terate, but to the learned. He then
adduced and presented a confirming
position he had taken.

He then gave some account of the edu-
cational work in the West, referred to
what he deemed a mistake that they
have been educating the sons of the
poor, instead of, as we do, at the expense of
their daughters to Roman Catholic in-
stitutions, where by the subtle influence
brought to bear upon them they are not
unfrequently entrapped. Mr. W. closed
a very interesting and effective address
by urging all to give due and careful
attention to this great work, and that
the result may be "That our sons may be
plants grown up in their youth; and our
daughters may be as corner stones, laid
after the similitude of a palace."

UNDER CONNECTION.
Conference of New Brunswick and
P. E. Island.

STATION SHEET, 1877.

- I. ST. JOHN DISTRICT.
1. St. John, (Germain St.)
Benjamin Chappel, A. M.
Wm. McCarty, Supernumerary.
 2. St. John, (Centenary)
Howard Sprague, A. M.; Henry Dan-
iel; J. R. Narraway, M. A.; Henry
Pope, D. D., Supernumeraries.
 3. St. John, (Exmouth St.)
Joseph Hart.
 4. St. John, (Portland)
Stephen F. Teed.
 5. St. John, (Carleton)
Samuel R. Ackman; Geo. M. Bar-
ratt; John A. Clark, A. M.; Super's.
 6. St. John, (Carmarthen St.)
Under
superintendence of Bro. Sprague.
 7. Fairville.—John S. Phinney.
 8. Sussex.—John Prince.
 9. Apohaqui.—Wm. Tweedy.
 10. Upham.—Thomas Allen; S. W. Sprague;
Superintendent.
 11. St. Martins.—I. N. Parker; John Ellis,
Superintendent.
 12. Grand Lake (East), James A. Duke.
 13. Jerusalem.—Edward Bell.
 14. Welsford.—Levi S. Johnson.
 15. Kingston.—Geo. B. Payson.

- II. FREDERICTON DISTRICT.
16. Fredericton.—W. W. Brewer.
 17. Kingsclear and Sackville.—George M.
Campbell.
 18. Marysville.—Robert Duncan.
 19. Gibson.—Geo. W. Fisher.
 20. Nashveak.—Richard Weddall, A. B.
 21. Stanley.—Wm. J. Kirby.
 22. Boistown.—W. W. Colpitts, John F.
Ester.
 23. Kewick.—Thomas Marshall.
 24. Sheffield.—Wm. F. Dobson.
 25. Grand Lake (West).
 26. Cagetown.—Silas James.
 27. Woodstock.—Charles W. Paisley, A. M.,
Wm. Penna.
 28. Canterbury.—Wm. Wass.
 29. Jacksonville.—Wm. Harrison.
 30. Richmond.—J. F. Betts.
 31. Florenceville.—John J. Colter.
 32. Andover.—James Crisp.
 33. Upper Kent.—Ed. Turner.
 34. Arthurville.—C. H. Manaton.

- III. MIRAMICHI DISTRICT.
35. Chatham.—H. McKeown.
 36. New Castle.—Edwin Jenkins.
 37. Richibucto.—C. W. Hamilton.
 38. Bas du Vin.—W. R. Pepper.
 39. Bathurst.—Isaac Howie.
 40. Campbellton.—Wm. Tippet.
 41. Derby.—A. R. B. Shrewsbury.

- IV. SACKVILLE.
42. Sackville.—Douglas Chapman, II.
Pickard, D. D., Supernumerary.
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.
43. Chas. Stewart, D. D., John Burwash, A. M.,
David Kennedy, D. D.
 44. Tintamar.—H. J. Clark.
 45. Point de Bute.—Edwin Mills.
 46. Bois Verte.—John S. Allen, T. Steb-
bings.
 47. Noncton.—Duncan D. Currie.
 48. Coverdale.—Albert Hagarty.
 49. Shediac.—Richard Opie.
 50. Dorchester.—Charles Comben.
 51. Hopedale.—Robert Wilson.
 52. Hillsboro.—C. W. Dutcher.
 53. Hazelock.—R. Baker, A. B.
 54. Salisbury.—W. W. Lodge.
 55. Elgin.—John King.

- V. ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT.
56. St. Stephen.—Edwin Evans.
 57. Milltown.—W. W. Percival.
 58. St. Andrews.—W. Harrison.
 59. St. David.—Scott Harrison.
 60. Boacole.—Wallis B. Thomas.
 61. Deer Island.—
 62. Grand Manan.—
- VI. PEARCE EDWARDS DISTRICT.
63. Charlottetown.—John Lathern, Geo.
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