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METHODISM IN ONTARIO.

Important Anniversary Observed at Lundy's Lane.

Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, was the speaker at the 125th anniversary celebrations of Lundy's Lane Church which was celebrated on November 16.

On the Niagara frontier the first preacher was a soldier, Major George Neal, who preached and formed the first class meeting in 1788. The first preacher of the gospel was not kindly received, but was pelted with stones until the blood flowed down his face. But as a soldier he stood his ground bravely and the only success that is known of his ministry was the conversion of one Christian, Warner, who lived near where St. David's now stands. The Methodism of Upper Canada at this time and for a number of years afterwards, was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, as established by Wesley at the close of the revolutionary war.

In the year 1791 is found the name of William Lozee, the first itinerant preacher appointed to Upper Canada, as no circuit had yet been formed. He was commissioned to range at large, preaching where he could find hearers and form his converts into classes. At the end of the year the first circuit was formed, including this Niagara County and reaching as far east as Kingston.

A class was formed, meeting at the home of Christian Warner, and attended by persons from far and near, including the immediate neighborhood of Lundy's Lane. Methodism, then, in this locality dates from 1788, when this Niagara County became a central point of Methodism for the greater part of Upper Canada. William Lozee, the first itinerant, at the time of his arrival in Canada, was a young man, tall, active and strong, and called "One-armed Lozee," on account of the shrivelled state of one arm, caused by an accident. He was a fearless preacher as well as a fearless horseman, his usual pace being a gallop. In the year 1795 there were three circuits in Canada, one being the Niagara circuit. That year Niagara circuit appears for the first time in the minutes of the conference, with the name of Darius Dunham for its first minister. Darius Dunham was a man of good talents as a preacher, but was so plain and blunt in speech that his name has come down as "Scolding Dunham." He never failed to denounce sin or any appearance of vanity or conformity to the world. And brave was the woman or girl who appeared in meeting decorated with either frill or flower. One pretty little blue-eyed, flaxen-haired woman was daring enough to go to meeting one summer afternoon wearing a chintz print dress with a frill at the neck and front. She left the meeting at its close a sadder and a "much madder" woman for having had the finger of scorn pointed at her, coupled with words of strong condemnation for her vanity in dress.

Won by Sweden.

A competitive test of milking machines in England, open to the world, was won by one of Swedish invention.

A National Highway.

The Rotary clubs of Northern Ontario have joined forces with the Canadian Automobile Association in urging the construction of the important link of the trans-Canada Victory Highway lying between the great lakes and Winnipeg.

Recently eighty delegates representing the district extending from Fort William to Winnipeg met in conference at Dryden and formed the Canada Colonization and Highway Association. It was pointed out that the only difficult new construction necessary to the completion of the Fort William-Winnipeg highway will be encountered in the rocky, broken country between Scovell and Vermilion. It is said that the proposed trunk road will open up some fifty thousand acres of rich arable country and induce settlement and development. Lateral roads would rapidly be constructed. While the trunk road, it is estimated, would cost approximately five million dollars, it would do for this great country what the Assouan dam has done for the Nile basin — make it not only habitable, but richly tributary to the nation. With the completion of this road, but one considerable gap will remain to be closed in the trans-Canada Victory Highway — that on the north shore of Lake Superior, Port Arthur and Fort William, and the "Soo," the western terminus of the Great Northern Highway.

Money for Imperials.

Some 50,000 residents of Canada who served in the Imperial forces during the war will be entitled to share in the appropriation voted by the Canadian Parliament to supplement the gratuities they receive from the British Government and bring them up to the Canadian scale. Some of the Imperial veterans are enquiring when they may expect a distribution of the fund. The Government is now engaged in the preparation of an order-in-Council setting forth the manner in which the gratuities will be distributed. Furthermore, the Government will need as a guide in the distribution of the money a concise record of each soldier's service. This, it is stated, is not available in Canada. An Imperial soldier with three years' service, it is understood, receives from the British Government about \$160 as a gratuity. He would be entitled to about \$400 additional from the sum appropriated by the Canadian Parliament at its last session.

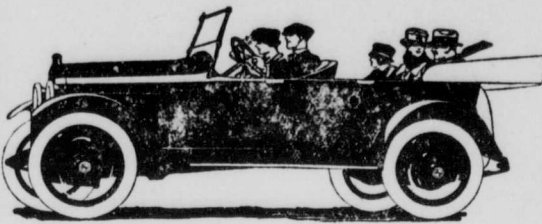
Monkey-talk.

Prof. Garner reports that the female ape says "moohoo," and the male ape replies "Wahoo." Evolution doesn't appear to have carried us very far. A chap on the moonlit beach last night said, "Who is oo?" and the girl replied, "It's oo's."

Belgians Decorate Graves.

For the first time since the war the Belgians were allowed to commemorate the death of their fallen heroes on November 1st. All Saints' Day was celebrated with great pomp in Brussels. Burgomaster Max deposited flowers on the graves of Belgians, Canadians, British, French and Russians. Wreaths were also deposited on the grave of Van Campenhout, the composer of La Brabaconne, the Belgium national anthem.

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