

STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS CHURCH UNION REPORTED

Favorable Reports Read Before Joint Committee of Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches--Prospects for Ultimate Union with Baptist and Anglican Churches Are Bright.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—The joint committee of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches met this morning in the Metropolitan church to discuss the oft debated question of church union. Rev. Dr. Carman, president of the Methodist general conference, opened the meeting and occupied the chair until the election of Rev. J. W. Pedley as chairman. It was decided to appoint a committee, consisting of four Methodists, four Presbyterians and two Congregationalists to look after the negotiations with the Anglican and Baptist churches regarding the possibility of their entering the union. Replies of the Baptist and Anglican authorities to the invitation extended them by the other three evangelical churches were read. The Baptists wished the movement God-speed, but gave no definite intimation of entering the church merger at present. Difficulties stood in the way of the Church of England also. Their general synod did not meet until 1906, and until then no action could be taken. No discussion was heard on the subject, the matter being entirely left to the committee.

The sub-committee on doctrine, through Rev. T. E. Hyde, presented report which showed comparatively few alterations with the exception of some verbal changes. In the

ACTION AGAINST FRENCH CATHOLICS TODAY

Government Will Execute Law Firmly But Will Not Use Force--Religious War Not Probable--Bishop Casey Interviewed Arraigns French Premier as an Atheistic Persecutor--Spoliation, Not Separation.



POPE PIUS X

A Sun reporter interviewed his lordship Bishop Casey last night with reference to the relation between the Vatican and the French government. "At such a distance as this," said his lordship, "and with what appear to me as very biased dispatches, I freely admit that it is quite impossible to form a very satisfactory idea as to the outcome of the present unhappy conditions in France. The law itself styled the 'Law of Separation' carries with it a stamp of misrepresentation. Separation by no means withdraws the right of existence. Church and state are separated in this country as well as in the United States; but with this separation the church is allowed true liberty. She can possess her church buildings, her asylums, her orphanages, clerical residences, like any other citizen or corporation. In France, by present interpretation, separation means confiscation, spoliation, robbery of the millions of dollars' worth of property which arose from the gratuitous offerings of the faithful for many centuries. The outrages implied by these words would not be so acceptable to the outside world, at least to those who have due sense of honesty, virtue and justice. Therefore a more pleasant word has been adopted, and the said outrages are concealed under the guise of the Law of Separation.

"The priests, too," Bishop Casey pointed out, "are to be sentenced to certain disabilities. They will have no legal status. Very much worse measures are threatened that will render them powerless for the functions of their sacred office. Such things as these might pass without comment in ages of persecution. In modern times those ages and those persecutions have been mercifully scored. It seems to me that these modern times should not justify their revival by the fact that they are exercised against the Catholic church.

"Reflections have been made upon His Holiness because he would not yield somewhat, would not compromise on principles that are vital to the constitution of the church. The Pope would not yield because he could not, without committing the church to a policy of self-effacement. The principle

KILLED ON TRACK NEAR SACKVILLE

Deaf Mute Met Death Early This Morning

Was Waiting in Front of Springhill Accommodation—Died Just as Train Reached Moncton—No Inquest Held.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 12.—A man who so far as can be learned from papers found in his pockets is Frank Burch, a deaf mute, belonging to Quebec, was run down and killed by this morning's Moncton bound Springhill accommodation as the train was passing Frosty Hollow, just this side of Sackville. There is a curve at this locality and Driver John Brownell of this city, who was at the throttle, did not see the man until the locomotive was almost upon him. Then he blew the whistle, but the man never stirred from the tracks, and the train striking him in the back hurled him several feet. He was conveyed on board, placed in a baggage car, where he lay unconscious. Just as the train stopped at Moncton depot he breathed his last.

He had been badly injured internally about the body. Coroner Purdy took a statement of the train crew and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Driver Brownell was the only one on board who had seen the man previous to the accident. He said the train was running at the usual rate of speed at the time. There was a mass of papers in the dead man's pockets, among them a letter without date or place of writing on it, which announced that the bearer was Frank Burch, a deaf mute belonging to Quebec, and that he was seeking employment. It was stated on one paper, evidently in reply to some question, that he had been struck by a train some time before at Ottawa last January and quite severely hurt. He was a man evidently over forty years of age and warmly clad, carrying a large brown leather suit case, which contained a quantity of clothing.

WORKMAN KILLED NEAR CAMPBELLTON

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 12.—A fatal accident on the Intercolonial railway about thirty miles from here occurred this afternoon. A number of men were engaged blasting with dynamite when an explosion took place and Joseph Levesque was killed and a number of others injured, but not seriously. The remains of Levesque were conveyed to Campbellton by special train on before at Ottawa last January and quite severely hurt. He was a man evidently over forty years of age and warmly clad, carrying a large brown leather suit case, which contained a quantity of clothing.

PEARY CAN TRY AGAIN WHENEVER HE LIKES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Commander Robert E. Peary, together with fifty other persons, members of the Peary Arctic Club, and intimate friends, were guests at a dinner given by Morris K. Jessup at the University Club tonight in honor of the explorer's return from the Arctic.

The dinner was described as a "family affair," and the speeches delivered call a halt to the question of Peary's call a halt.

Commander Peary, in response to the congratulations of Mr. Jessup, is said to have told his friends that if he could get the right sort of ship for another "dash to the North Pole," he believed he could accomplish his object in a year.

It is said assurances were given at the dinner that the kind of a ship he wanted would be provided whenever he was ready to undertake another trip.

LARGE CAR WORKS MAY BUILT AT ST. JOHN.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—There is a project on foot to establish a large car building plant in St. John. Hon. Mr. Emmerson has been approached in regard to the project, and has assured the people interested that the Intercolonial would patronize it as far as it could legitimately be done.

There are Canadian and American capitalists interested, and it is planned among other things to manufacture motor cars for the Intercolonial. If the project succeeds work will be begun on the plant at once. The projectors are figuring on developing power from the reversing falls of the St. John River.

The agitation which has been carried on by the Board of Trade for the establishment of new industries here, has at last borne fruit, and a period of unexampled industrial activity seems to be assured.

The project outlined in the foregoing despatch from the Sun's Ottawa correspondent has been organized by a number of the most influential and prominent business men of the city, all of whom have made striking successes of their own enterprises, and they have entered into this scheme with a vigor and enthusiasm that presages certain success.

The local men who are actively interested in the movement are T. H. Estabrooks, J. A. Likely, R. G. Haley, James Pender and W. S. Fisher.

The inception of the project was an offer made to the Board of Trade a short time ago, by Shilker & Co. of Amherst, who had been carrying on a large wood-working factory in that town, until burned out a couple of months ago. Elmore E. Shilker, the secretary-treasurer of the company, visited the city and discussed the matter with a number of local men, among whom were those mentioned.

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN WILL BREAK ALL PASSENGER RECORDS

Upwards of a Thousand Will Sail in Steerage While the Cabins Will All Be Filled--St. John Hotels Almost Unable to Handle the Crowd

When the big C. P. R. liner Empress of Britain sails from Sand Point tomorrow afternoon for Liverpool it is estimated that she will take away the largest number of passengers that ever left Canada on a steamship, and St. John is today being taxed for hotel accommodation. The passengers are all from the west, the majority of them are going to England to spend Christmas with friends. For the past couple of days these passengers have been arriving here and are not being allowed on board until sailing day.

INTERCOLONIAL WILL DEVELOP WATER POWER IN PETITCODIAC RIVER

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The Intercolonial is going to develop water power in the Petitcodiac river. By putting in a system of basins it is claimed continuous power can be secured at all stages of the tide. Enough power will be developed to operate the Moncton shops and to supply the city with electricity for lighting.

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LET ST. JOHN PREPARE FOR EVER INCREASING BUSINESS

Nationalization the Solution of the Harbor Problem—This is the Terminus of the C. P. R. Said Arthur Piers at Yesterday's Luncheon

The luncheon served on board the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain yesterday, was a grand success. At the invitation of the C. P. R. about 100 citizens assembled on the big boat shortly before one o'clock. The menu was varied and bounteous and taken in all the affair was one of the most enjoyable of its kind ever held in this city.

Arthur Piers, general manager of the C. P. R. steamship line was present. Supt. Downie, Captain Murray, of the Empress, and Captain Walsh, marine superintendent, ably assisted in entertaining the guests.

Among those present were: The Mayor, Sheriff Ritchie, Alex. R. Macaulay, Ald. Till, Willett, Chas. A. Everett, Dr. J. J. Frink, Dr. Christie, Colonel McLean, Dr. Ross, W. E. Brown, James Gilliland, Ald. Vanwart, H. V. McKinnon, Recorder Skinner, Judge Barker, Col. G. R. White, W. M. Jarvis, J. D. Hazen, Judge Willich, A. T. Dunn, Judge McLeod, H. D. Troop, E. E. Sayre, C. W. DeForest, W. H. Thorne, W. F. Hatheway, Capt. Walsh, Arthur Piers, H. B. Schofield, W. S. Fisher, T. H. Estabrooks, E. M. Shadbill, Stanley Elkin, Chief Clark, J. J. Barry, R. B. Kessen, E. A. Prince, L. D. MacLeod, Ald. Vanwart, H. V. McKinnon, Ald. Pickett, J. G. Shewan, H. D. McLeod, Robert Maxwell, Gordon Raimie, N. R. Burroughs, Harold Schofield, A. P. Hazen, C. H. Hanson, W. H. Barnaby, John Russell, Jr., and David Brown.

After luncheon Supt. Downie started the speech making by proposing a toast to the City of St. John. He stated that the people of this city had done all that could be expected of in developing this port. It is now time that the government took hold.

J. N. Sutherland sang a good old British song, after which Mayor Sears responded to the toast to the city. Recorder Skinner paid an eloquent tribute to the C. P. R. It should never be forgotten that the welfare of St. John and this company go hand in hand.

Ald. McGoldrick delivered a brief speech.

Ald. J. B. M. Baxter in a few words referred to the great change which had taken place at Sand Point during the past four or five years.

P. R. on the splendid steamship service which is being given. "The citizens of St. John have done their share," said the speaker, "we have expended \$1,250,000 on the port, and are still suffering for want of more facilities."

Mr. Thorne stated that in his opinion four or five million dollars would be required during the next five years to develop the largest of the port spaces with the ever increasing trade.

Ald. Bullock said that the common council would keep on with the extensions to the port until the taxpayers call a halt.

J. D. Hazen added, "Let the federal government adopt its declared policy of nationalization of ports."

Mr. Hazen congratulated the C. P. R. for its deserved success, and stated that it was the greatest carrying corporation in the world.

Capt. Walsh proposed the health of the Board of Trade and in so doing said that there was enough water at the berths in depth, but not in length. Great improvements would have to be made before St. John can handle the trade which should be here. The channel at the entrance of the harbor should be widened so as to open to the largest of steamers at tides.

W. E. Foster, vice-president of the Board of Trade, read a letter from President McRobbie, regretting his absence from the city. Mr. Foster spoke in favor of St. John supporting its present customer, the C. P. R.

W. S. Fisher and H. B. Schofield also spoke a few words, supporting Mr. Foster's remarks.

Mr. Piers moved the toast of the local legislature, which was responded to by Robert Maxwell, M. P. P.

In response to the toast of the President of the United States, Judge Willich expressed himself as already being a loyal citizen of St. John. He spoke

SIX MORE SCOTT ACT VIOLATORS FINED

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 12.—Six Scott Act violators were yesterday sentenced to fines of fifty dollars with the option of spending eight days in jail by Magistrate McQueen, of Shediac, creating quite a stir in the seaside town. The convicted ones were the Volgon, Royal and Terrace hotels, T. Boudreau, A. P. Gould and A. McInnis, the proprietor of the Minto hotel, was served with a Scott Act summons to appear before Magistrate C. A. Steeves of this city. Between Gallagher and the magistrate there is a suit pending preventing McKay from trying Gallagher.

Constable A. W. Belyea arrived here today armed with a supreme court warrant for services by Intercolonial Pullman Ferry, who is one of the parties concerned in Belyea's suit for a thousand dollars for alleged false imprisonment.

Fruit Inspector Sangster went to St. John this morning having recently returned from Albert county.

W. S. Edgett, manager of the Shepody Navigation Company, went to St. John this morning, the steamer Wilfrid C. being expected there today to lay up for the winter. The steamer which has been in the service between Moncton and Bay of Fundy points all summer left Hillsboro yesterday after picking up buoys around Gidanton Island.

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TEER-STEARS—At the... street Methodist parson... 28th November, 1906, by... uel Howard, George T... of Toronto, to Lillian... of St. John, N. B.

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LL—At the residence... father, Nov. 25th, 1906... A. Kuhring, John Gor... Lulu Edna, daughter of... f. mball.

PS—At Cole's Island, N... N. B., Nov. 26th, Mr... of Waterford and... Phillips, of Cole's Island, ... A. C. Bell.

DEATHS.

In East Boston, on Sat... LL—Josiah Q. Watmore... this city, in the 78th year... leaving a wife and three... mourn their loss.

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