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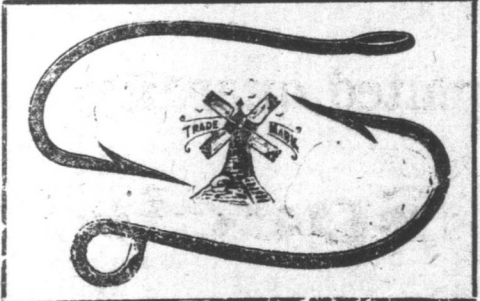
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Special Conference of United Church

The first session of the Newfoundland Conference of the United Church was opened in Gower Street Church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. H. G. Coppin, convenor, in the chair. Hymn 56 was sung. Rev. E. C. French read the 3rd chap. of Ephesians and Rev. W. Swann and Rev. Dr. Curtis led in prayer. Hymn 151 was sung and Mr. A. Mews, C.M.G., engaged in prayer. The roll was called when 34 members and 13 lay representatives answered to their names.

It was unanimously resolved that the Acting Secretary of the Conference cast a ballot in favour of the election of Rev. Harry G. Coppin as President of the Newfoundland Conference. The President made an excellent speech in accepting the honour from his brethren.

It was unanimously resolved that the President cast a ballot in favour of the election to Rev. Elijah C. French as Secretary of the first conference of the United Church.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, Rev. C. B. Blunt was elected Journal Secretary and Rev. G. B. Pickering, Assistant Secretary. Conference reporters elected were Rev. J. G. Joyce, Rev. C. H. Johnson.

Rev. Dr. Fenwick moved that a combined Nominating and Business Committee be appointed and that H. N. Burt be its convenor; carried.

At 11.30 Rev. Dr. Chown, the representative of the First General Council of the United Church, addressed the conference in a masterly and lucid way, dealing with the glorious heritage of the uniting churches, and emphasizing their outstanding characteristics that go toward the consolidation of the Kingdom.

The wish of the conference was that Dr. Chown place his address in the hands of the Secretary with the desire that the city press give it publication, and that the "Greeting" will also publish it.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was almost entirely taken up with routine work. Dr. Curtis explained that the delay in seeking legislation in Newfoundland was intentional, and that proper progress would at once be made. The conference also took into consideration the arrangement that has been agreed upon that the funds which used to be raised separately under several names should this year and hereafter be put in one estimate under the name, Maintenance and Extension Fund.

EVENING SESSION.

The Methodist Church of Newfoundland has shown itself purely idealistic in the Church Union discussion. There was no pressure of local conditions. English Methodism would have welcomed a union with the oldest dominion for the preservation of the old name. Newfoundland Methodism in some ways ran a risk in entering the union. But none of these things moved the followers of the field preacher, who said, "The world is my parish." They said from Channel to the Straits and from Curling to Cape Spear, union is right. Christ prayed for it. We will do our part to satisfy Him. The question is settled. Let us go ahead with our business.

This settled any matter of fact attitude together with an unpleasant evening, accounts for the comparatively small audience present last evening, when President Coppin opened the service. "Where cross the crowded ways of life" was sung and Rev. S. Bennett led in prayer. Dr. Curtis read the lesson and then Dr. Chown, characterized by the President as one of the greatest ecclesiastical statesmen of the generations, began his eloquent presentation of the great question of Union.

The Doctor was a little husky, but there was no hesitation of thought. For many years, he said, before union was even discussed, co-operation with the Presbyterian church was commonly discussed, co-operation with the Presbyterian church was commonly practiced. For six years he was chairman of such a committee operating in Alberta. In 1902 at the Winnipeg General Conference, Principal Patrick, Professor Bryce, and "Ralph Connor" came as a delegation from the Presbyterian church. The former poured out his heart in a volcano-like flood of eloquence, urging the possibility of Church Union and challenging the conference to appoint a committee on the subject. This was done and by 1905 the first Union Committee met and after several sittings a basis was unanimously agreed upon.

The first rift was discerned when a section of the Presbyterian Church began to question the authority of the General Assembly. Under the provisions of the Barrier Act, the needed steps were taken, but then the dissenters began to defy the authorities of the church, their strongest ground being that while the Barrier Act did provide for the change of the church, it did not provide for the ending of the church. As a matter of fact, a change could be so great as to equal the ending of the church. Rumour next said that the new church had no creed, but there is a creed carefully drawn and though the individual minister does not have to sign his name assent to the statement, he is to be

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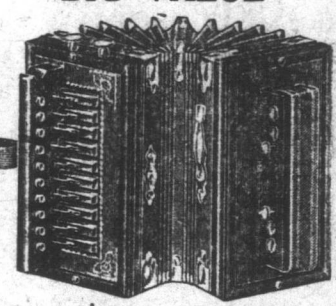
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MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

carefully examined. Next it was said that there were no elders. The name is not mentioned, but elders are being elected every week and the name is sure to stand. It is not true that a congregation cannot call its own minister. The charge was published that Methodism was financially bankrupt. As a matter of fact the Methodist church has \$17,000 more property than the Presbyterians and 100,000 more members of the church.

Though the many smaller Presbyterian churches have stayed out, Methodism has willingly agreed, yes, enthusiastically agreed to go in to a union which will add to her burdens. Dr. Chown repudiated the charge that he desired to create a great political machine. He read a charge from "Auto" literature, which had been widely circulated that "the Methodist Church was an Apostate church, denying the Divinity of Christ and the value of His blood as an atonement for sin."

That charge was so serious that it required special consideration. It was not true. He knew no hint of it in any quality. Some men have unfortunately emphasized negatives in regard to Jesus, though they have been believers in Christ's full Divinity. Anybody that officially circulated literature like that was unworthy. Further, the same people have given their assent to the doctrine that God had created some men who never could accept under any circumstances the offer of salvation. For his part, the speaker would rather believe in no God at all.

In regard to the disposal of property, the legislature had decided that congregations had the right to vote their property into union. Fair treatment would in any case be given to anti-unionists. Methodist Churches had had a right to vote out, but not one of them had even taken a vote. The silence of Methodism was misunderstood, and people began to say that Methodists were not interested any longer. It was then needful to send a short letter to our people, asking them to let their representatives know where they stood. This was called "Chown's Mandate." The telling of the story answered that.

Many naturally loyal people had actually forgotten that the General Assembly had pledged itself to union and had done so according to all the rules of their own denomination. 187 ministers had not forgotten, but as in the great day of the disruption had gone out, not knowing whether they were Presbyterians or Methodists. These were doctrinal, national and historical even in Newfoundland circles there had been evidences of blessing through the stirring up of new workers. Locally, perhaps, it was best that St. Andrew's had been unanimous in its decision. In any case, Methodism had done its duty, as that duty was seen, and went prayerfully forward singing "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," with which hymn the service closed.

In an unexpected outburst of charity, poor generous-hearted Dave Delaney financed little Jane's visit to the circus. The whole story is told next week at the Casino. How about your tickets?—oct. 30.11

"The Mirage" is a Gripping Film

FLORENCE VIDOR SCORES IN PICTURIZATION OF NOTED SELWYN PLAY.

The current attraction at the Nickel Theatre is the picturization of Edgar Selwyn's well known stage play, "The Mirage." This production, a Producer's Distribution Corporation release, starring Florence Vidor, and that lovely player in a role much different than any she has before essayed.

As Irene Martin, a small town singer, she comes to New York to make her way to fame, joins a show, and gets mixed up with a crowd of "gold diggers," and a typical New York first-nighter, who hires her as a professional entertainer to amuse his guests after the show. In this role Miss Vidor gives us a startling characterization but keeps that inimitable dignity and sweetness of hers in the offing through it all.

"The Mirage" is a daring story. It has been toned down for picture purposes. Olive Brook is most unusual and interesting, to say nothing of his good looks. He is unlike any other screen actor; he's a happy mingling of the practical and the romantic.

Alan Roscoe gives a splendid performance of the sweetheart from back home, who is found wanting in faith when it looks as though the girl is travelling the wrong path.

Credit is also due Viola Vale as Betty Bond, the chorus girl who inaugurates Irene Martin into the ways of the gold digger. Myrtle Vane, as Irene's mother and Charlotte Stevens as the little sister.

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Shirley Mason at the Majestic

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"The Great Diamond Mystery," with the dainty little favorite, Shirley Mason, in the star part, is the present attraction at the Majestic Theatre to-night. Here is a splendid little enter-tainment—something quite different from Shirley's usual sort of film, but perfectly within her talents. DeLion Clift directed the picture from a story by Shannon Fife and scenario by Thomas Dixon, Jr. No expense was spared, apparently, in getting together a worthy cast, for the supporting players include such luminaries as Jaskie Saunders William "Buster" Collier, Jr., Harry von Meter, Hector Sarno, Philo McCullough, John Cossar and Eugenia Gilbert.

The picture is quite different from the usual kind of Shirley Mason production. The little star herself enacts the role of a young writer who has just completed a mystery story based on a theory in criminology; that a murderer always returns to the scene of his murder. A tragic incident occurs which gives the young author a chance not only to prove her theory but to save her sweetheart from the death-chair at the same time.

Big matinee to-morrow, the big special matinee for the children is already arranged lots of fun and plenty of excitement. Monday the immortal Dante's Inferno.

The G.W.V.A. aims at making the Poppy Memorial as living as the memory should be. These will be worn on Armistice Day, and what each of us chooses to think the value of that Poppy of memory will help the broken ex-Service man. Poppies for Remembrance.—oct. 30.11

Three Flowers for the Ladies To-Night

Owing to the great crowds visiting the Three Flowers Booth, it has been impossible to present all ladies with the complimentary samples. The cards will be given out to ladies again to-night, and it is hoped every woman visiting the Fair will receive one. The card is to be presented to the lady at the Three Flowers Booth, who will pass out a dainty complimentary sample of Three Flowers. A spray of the delectable Three Flowers perfume will be given ladies also and all are cordially welcome at the Three Flowers Booth. Please ask for complimentary card to enable you to get the free trial size of the luxurious Three Flowers.—oct. 30.11

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