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### A.S. MITCHELL ON IMPORTANT TRIP TO CANADA

London Times' Representative Going to Ottawa to Interview Government

Coming to Canada on a special mission of importance for his company, A. S. Mitchell, representative of the London Times, arrived here yesterday on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montcalm. Mr. Mitchell refused to divulge the nature of his mission, but said that he was going direct to Ottawa to confer with members of the Government there.

He said that his visit here had nothing to do with the rumored erection in this country by his company of a large paper mill, and was dubious of the building of such a mill. He will go as far west as the Pacific coast and will return to the Maritime Provinces in about four weeks.

### 278 PASSENGERS

The Montcalm arrived direct from Liverpool early on Sunday morning, docking at 2.30 o'clock. The passengers commenced disembarking at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. There was a total of 278 passengers on board, of which 64 were cabin and 214 third class. The vessel also brought out 1,600 tons of general freight, three cars of mail and one car of express matter. A passenger of prominence was W. N. Tilley, K. C., of Toronto, a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He had been in England appearing in a Canadian lawsuit before the Privy Council. Mr. and Mrs. Tilley left for their home in Toronto in the private car, Westworth, which was attached to the special train which left at 12.30 o'clock, local time.

Lt. Col. J. Scroggie, of Victoria, also was on the Montcalm. He is a large fruit grower of British Columbia and had been in England in regard to the marketing of fruit there.

### OTHERS ON BOARD

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hanson, of Montreal, returned from their honeymoon on the steamer. They were met by H. G. S. Adams, and will visit Mr. and Mrs. Adams at their residence in Brookville for a few days before proceeding to Montreal.

A former Saint John resident, Charles F. Kerr, arrived yesterday. He had been on the staff of the Bank of Montreal in London, Eng., and Paris, France, for the past two years. He will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Roy O. Skinner, Sydney street, before proceeding to Montreal.

A Danish settler for New Brunswick in the person of Hans Peter Gloskaud, also came out on the Montcalm. He will locate at the Danish Settlement, near Grand Falls.

### MEN NEEDED FOR WORK OF MINISTRY

Dr. J. M. McConnell Tells of Activities in United Church Circles

Yesterday morning Dr. J. M. McConnell was the preacher at the Fortland United church and a large congregation was present to hear his forceful message.

He recently returned from Toronto, where he attended the meeting of the Home Mission Board of the United Church, at which a report on the old receiving charges was dealt with. He said yesterday that the meeting of the Home Mission Board was the first that had yet been held by the newly constituted board and that its annual meeting will be held in Toronto in March.

While he believed that the grants made to aid receiving charges had been substantially the same as in the previous year, Dr. McConnell said that charges which formerly had been made under the Home Mission Board and that certain changes had been made to distribution of grants had been made to that end.

### MORE REQUIRED

With reference to the statement that there was a lack of men offering for the ministry of the United Church, Dr. McConnell stated that there were at present about seven or eight additional ordained men required in the Maritime Provinces but that the work was well taken care of and where there were two vacancies, special measures were adopted to serve the needs of the people. He believed that on the whole the fields in the Maritime Provinces were better manned today than they had been previous to the establishment of the United Church of Canada.

Dr. McConnell said that the Dominion commission on the property of the churches entering the United Church would complete its work in March of this year and at that time a definite announcement would be made to what percentage was to be received by the United Church and what percentage would go to the churches which had voted out of union.

### Church Year Ends, Balance On Hand

In giving the year's financial statement in St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, yesterday, Rev. J. J. McDermott warmly congratulated the people on the splendid manner in which they had contributed to the church funds during the year.

The indebtedness on the school building, which had totalled about \$70,000, had been reduced to about \$16,000, and during the year 1926 the amount of the debt paid off had been between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

This money had been raised by various entertainments as well as by contributions. In the general finances of the church the showing was equally good, and the year had closed with a balance of between \$300 and \$800 in the church funds.

### Local News

#### ARTICLES FOUND.

The police report finding an automobile crank on Frederick street, a pair of spectacles on Carman street, a package of tobacco on Main street, and a kodak film on Sydney street.

#### INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM.

An inspiration program was given at The King's Daughters' gospel service held yesterday afternoon in the Guild on Chipman Hill with many members present. Mrs. Edith Stevens, former president, who is a visitor in this city at the present time was presiding yesterday, and gave the opening Bible reading. Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin gave the address speaking very helpfully on the theme "Redeemed." Mrs. C. E. Colwell rendered a vocal solo most effectively. A reception service was also held at Mrs. G. Earle Logan was welcomed as a new member.

### CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF HOLY NAME FAMILY

#### St. Peter's, Assumption and Lower Cove Societies Have Monthly Communion

Yesterday, the Feast of the Holy Name Family, was celebrated at Holy Name Sunday in three of the Catholic churches.

In the Church of the Assumption the regular monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society, held last evening, was addressed by Rev. William Duke, the Diocesan chaplain. In his address Father Duke urged the men to continue to live up to their pledge taken when they joined the society.

Rev. J. J. Ryan, the pastor, and chaplain of the Holy Name Society of the Assumption parish, also addressed the meeting and complimented the men on their large attendance. The board of officers for 1926 was re-elected for the ensuing term as follows: C. O. Morris, president; Edward Fitzgerald, vice-president; Gerald Ring, secretary; Edward McKenna, P. J. Joyce and J. P. Owens were elected members of the executive of the board.

#### IN LOWER COVE.

At the meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist church, yesterday, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, John M. Elmore, re-elected; vice-president, James L. Sugrue; recording secretary, Fred McQuinn, re-elected; treasurer, William S. Lang; chaplain, Rev. Arthur W. Kinsella. The society has had a splendidly successful year and its membership has been very substantially increased during the last few months.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. J. McDermott, pastor, Father Kinsella and Father Hanbery.

#### AT ST. PETER'S.

Eloquent and stirring addresses were given by Rev. James A. Cloran, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Peter's church; Rev. George Coffin, C.S.S.R., chaplain of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter's church; and Rev. J. A. Barry, the Diocesan president of the Holy Name Society, at the first general reunion of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter's parish held yesterday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass.

Over 600 of the Society received Holy Communion at the mass at which Rev. Francis Mullins, C.S.S.R., was celebrant. Rev. Philip Quinn, C.S.S.R., preached the sermon on the gospel of the day. After mass breakers of the parish in the basement of the church, under the patronage of Mrs. J. James and Mrs. J. Hughes.

#### TAKE PLEDGE.

In the evening Father Cloran delivered a series of talks on "Character," after which 100 new members took the Holy Name pledge, as follows: "I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country and to the God-given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful and religious. I beg that God will keep me faithful to these pledges until death."

Father Coffin closed the evening devotion with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times-Star reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "don't you think we ought to go to China and show those people how to govern themselves?"

"How'd it do to stay home 'n' find out how to govern ourselves?" asked Hiram.

"I don't get your meaning," said the reporter.

"It's a lot easier," said Hiram, "to go to other 'fols' troubles at long range than it is to tackle our own."

Now, there's that there Brittain report. Us folks out in The Settlement has been waitin' to see what you people in town is goin' to do about that. Kin you tell me?"

"To be candid," said the reporter, "I can't."

"Ain't it about time you was beginnin' to find out?" asked Hiram.

"Give us a little more time for deliberation," said the reporter.

"How long?" asked Hiram.

"After the Legislature has met, nothin' is too late to do anything this year?"

"Search me," said the reporter.

### SECOND SERMON IN SERIES ON PROTESTANTISM

#### Tribute Paid to Life of Rev. A. L. Fleming in Community

Rev. J. S. Bonnell preached on the subject, "Protestantism and Prayers," in the second sermon of the series on Protestantism, in St. Andrew's Kirk last night. His text was John 8:32—"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Speaking of tolerance in religion, he stated, that the man who is sure of his own faith can be tolerant with those who differ with him. One of the fundamental teachings of the Protestant faith, he asserted, is the right of independent judgment on religious and secular questions. This right effects every department of thinking just as true religion must permeate every part of our lives.

Protestants believe, said Mr. Bonnell, that the same intellectual processes that are so valuable in the spheres of science, literature and business can be safely trusted in the realm of religion.

In the course of his sermon Mr. Bonnell referred to the resignation of Rev. A. L. Fleming from St. John's (Stone) church, and stated that his departure will be a distinct loss to the Protestant church life of Saint John, because Mr. Fleming, he said, has always been a staunch and sane advocate of his faith.

The church was thronged at the evening service, and before the service commenced every seat was occupied and there was standing room only.

During the service Mr. Bonnell announced that the loose offering of the previous Sunday, which was to be a special collection for the poor fund of the church, had amounted to \$148.65, and that sum made a record collection for the fund.

#### AT ST. DAVID'S

Rev. Hugh Miller's special sermon in St. David's church yesterday morning, on "The Roadmaker," created a deep interest. He took his text thereon from the Old Testament, Isaiah, chapter 58, eighth verse: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." Several interesting quotations were made from the same chapter of this notable prophet.

Mr. Miller served to impress upon the individuals within the congregation that highways of a good character, that were properly erected and constructed, contributed excellent public benefits, as well as excellent joys and gladness, religiously as well as nationally and individually.

At last evening's service the subject was "The Virgin Mary." The choir sang two special anthems, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. McKiel, Mrs. Blake Ferris, Mr. Thomas and A. C. Smith.

#### "BELL DEDICATED"

A bell was lately presented to the United Church at Westford by Moses Quinn, a former resident of the village, in memory of his wife. At the recent dedication of the bell in the church, after the consecration service, while the congregation stood, twenty strokes were rung upon the bell.

The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Leonard John Mason, Rev. J. R. Belyea, rector of Peterborough, read the lesson, and the prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Centenary church, Saint John, who also gave an address.

William Hawker of Saint John, a former resident of Westford, who had much to do with the erection of the church 40 years ago was present for the occasion.

Mr. Hawker is 87 years of age and came from Saint John especially to attend the service. Mr. Quinn, of West Saint John the donor of the bell, was also present with his two daughters, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Harry Hamilton.

The work of installing the bell was superintended by William Speight. Rev. Hugh Miller made the announcement in St. David's church Sunday that a memorial contribution on behalf of the late Mrs. Alexander MacMurray, had been presented to the church, with which this lady had been associated for years. It consisted of 200 Bibles. These were distributed yesterday throughout the whole church for the benefit of attendants.

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FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS. It was announced in the Cathedral yesterday that the collection of the previous Sunday for African missions, amounted to \$156.94.