

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

LOWER PROVINCES.

Rev. W. M. Thom on, of New Glasgow, is in New Brunswick on a six weeks' holiday.

Rev. R. H. Gran, is publishing a monthly paper called Truth. It is issued in the interests of the temperance campaign.

Rev. J. M. McLean has accepted the call to St. John's Church, Chatham. He will be succeeded on the 12th inst.

Rev. S. A. Fraser and family are home from Trinidad on furlough for six months. He has been in the field for five years.

Rev. W. McNichol, formerly of Hopewell, is now at New Mills, N.B. Rev. J. A. Greenlees, the former minister, has returned from Scotland.

Rev. J. H. Chase preached his farewell sermon at Onslow on the 25th. He has been pastor for thirty years. It was his first and only charge.

A convention of Young People's Societies and Sunday-school workers in the Presbytery of St. John is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, during the provincial exhibition in September.

Rev. A. W. Lewis has removed from Waweig, N.B., to Maccan, N.S. His work in the former place was very successful. Brother Lewis is a faithful pastor, an earnest preacher, and wields a graceful pen.

Mrs. Tufts, wife of Rev. W. M. Tufts, of Sharon Church, Stellarton, has been seriously ill, but is somewhat improved, and her speedy recovery is hoped for. Her sister, Miss Hattie Zwicker, is with her.

Rev. Mr. McKim, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. John, is going to hold open-air services during the summer in various parts of his extensive parish. He is having a wagon prepared to carry the choir and a small organ.

The annual meeting of the P.E.I. Presbytery W.F.M. opened at Summerside on the 5th inst.

The ladies of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, propose to hold their annual church fair and tea in Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.

A strange bird is reported as haunting the woods near Boabec, N.B. It is described as blue in color and smaller than an eagle. It is full of fight and attacks men fearlessly. The story comes by way of St. Andrew's. The sea serpent is played out, but New Brunswick must attract American sportsmen. A ferocious blue-bird is quite an original idea.

Rev. A. O. Maere, Ph.D., son of Principal Maere, of Morin College, has returned from finishing an extensive course in the Free College, Edinburgh, and the Universities of Leipzig and Jena, Germany. He takes his degree from the latter. He is to be ordained on the 19th in St. Stephen's Church, to the charge of St. Matthew's, or, as it is popularly called, the North End Mission. His father will take part in the service.

Rev. J. S. Mullan has been suspended by the Presbytery of St. John for not obeying its injunction, approved by the commission of Synod, not to exercise any of the functions of the ministry in the parish of Stanley. He claims to have left the Presbyterian Church in Canada and to have joined the Church of Scotland, or anti-union party. This is only a ruse to evade discipline, for he has never received his discharge in the regular manner, and the plea was very properly disregarded by the Presbytery. On retiring from the room after hearing his sentence, Mr. Mullan took a dramatic farewell of the venerable court, but if he disregards the suspension, as he probably will, he will find that the Presbytery is not yet done with him. The fight now will probably be in the civil courts for the possession of St. Peter's Church. The title deed has been held till lately in the name of one man, and he is one of Mr. Mullan's sympathisers. Very recently, however, it has been transferred to the "Church of Scotland," although how it could be so without the consent of that body is a mystery, and if that body approved of the course taken it has done an unfriendly act that will be resented.

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Farewell to Rev. W. R. Cruickshank.

The farewell services in connection with the pastorate of the Rev. W. R. Cruickshank in St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on Sunday, was an occasion never to be forgotten by those present. The large edifice was filled by the members of St. Matthew's and of sister churches, prominent amongst whom were the members of Centenary Methodist Church, who turned out in large numbers. There were also present friends from different parts of the city and those who had come to hear Mr. Cruickshank's farewell words. The text was: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Mr. Cruickshank prefaced his sermon with words of gratitude to the people of Point St. Charles for their great kindness to him during the latter days of his ministry, which, he said, would sweeten his future days, as the remembrance of them would not pass away. Reverting to the inception of his ministry in the old church on Congregation street, he found it with a membership of 212 and a Sunday-school of 250, but there was disorganization, dissent and debt. He soon found, however, the faithful few, and in less than a year the debt was cleared off. Then shortly afterwards the site for the present church was bought at a cost of \$3,100, which was soon paid, when they looked forward to erecting a new church free of debt, which was not to be, however, the present building was opened there was a debt of \$19,000 resting on it. That has, however, been reduced to \$13,000, but he considered the congregation strong enough to shoulder and reduce it from year to year. There is to-day a membership of 584, fifty-two of whom were received at the last communion a week ago. The Sunday-school numbers 775. During his ministry he had wedded 258 couples, baptized 1,284 children, and buried 624 persons, while there were received into the church about thirteen hundred persons. The church today, he said, was fully organized, and he could not speak too highly of the officers-bearers, whether of the session or of the board of management. Two or three years after the building of the present church the overflow in the Sunday-school found accommodation in the annex, a small hall on Charron street. Despite that addition, the present school accommodation is cramped.

Mr. Cruickshank addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon, bidding the officers, teachers and scholars good-bye.

On Monday evening Mr. Cruickshank was made the recipient of a handsome illuminated address by a deputation of officers of Centenary Methodist Church. The presentation was made by the Rev. Melvin Taylor, the pastor, who made a feeling reference to Mr. Cruickshank's departure from the "Point," as did also Mr. J. W. Knox, for the trustees board, and Mr. Ellis, for the quarterly board of the church.

The recipient, in reply, referred to the happy relations that have always existed between St. Matthew's and Centenary Churches. He highly appreciated the token of their esteem and warmly thanked the deputation for their many expressions of kindness.

Mr. Cruickshank was also made the recipient of a handsome group picture of himself and the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school of St. Matthew's Church, at a meeting in the lecture hall.

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