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NFLD. FIELD NEEDS MORE ATTENTION

Some Sections of the Country Receive But Small Share of Benefits of the Gospel

FIELD SECRETARY SMITH ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

On Some Important Problems of Temperance and Moral Reform

The Methodist Conference continued its deliberations on Thursday morning, the 25th inst.

After the usual devotions, reports were received from various Committees.

A profitable discussion on the Missionary policy of our Church took place. During the debate it became evident that, although Methodism had planted itself on many of our isolated fields, yet there were sections of our Colony that were receiving a very small share of the benefits of the Gospel.

The Rev. W. J. Smith, B.A., one of our field secretaries connected with the department of temperance and moral reform, gave a brief address.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Victoria University, Toronto, Ont. He is a member of the Hamilton Conference and in 1909 he was honored by an election to the Presidential chair of that assembly.

The aim of the department of Church work represented by him is: (1) The suppression and annihilation of the liquor and white slave traffic.

(2) Promotion of child-welfare and the condition of women workers.

(3) The conservation of the home as an honored institution.

(4) The procuring of such laws as will serve the human interest indicated above.

Engaged as he is in such a splendid humanitarian enterprise, the Methodist Conference of Newfoundland wishes him every success in his noble undertaking.

The afternoon session was occupied with the receiving of reports and usual routine work. A deputation was appointed to interview the Premier to see what could be done in regard to a licensed public house which is situated just outside of Little Bay in the Twillingate District. We hope the day will soon come when the legalized liquor traffic will be forever banished from this Colony.

In the evening the Rev. W. J. Smith, B.A., addressed a large audience in George Street on the great question of Temperance and Moral Reform. Referring to the legalized liquor traffic he spoke:

Mr. Smith's Addresses (1) Of the great struggle carried on in the United States of America for State Prohibition with a view to national prohibition of this great evil; 5 States of the Union have already secured prohibition, 18 more have prohibition in much of its territory, and 4 others are on their way to the polls. (2) Of the heartbreaking scenes which follow such an accursed traffic. He quoted the editor of one of the chief liquor journals of the United States of America as saying: "When the doom of the liquor traffic is sounded, the retail vendor of strong drink will be responsible for it."

Saloon vs. Church (3) Of the attitude of the saloon towards the Church of Christ. The liquor traffic is the admitted foe of the Christian Church. It will strike her main her, and lessen her strength every time the opportunity presents itself. Christian Churches, therefore,

Yesterday's Sessions Of The Diocesan Synod Busy And Interesting

Numerous Reports Received By The House--Live Discussions Over Rev. E. H. Fletcher's Bill--Change Allocations of Mission Fund--Spencer College Report.

Yesterday afternoon was a busy one at the Diocesan Synod, there being considerable debating.

The House met at 3.45 under the Presidency of His Lordship the Bishop, who recited the usual opening prayers.

The roll being called, 54 clergy and 21 lay delegates answered to their names.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Rev. Canon Bolt applied for leave to nominate a committee to consider (a) The increase in Clerical Stipends, (b) The Working of the Diocesan Mission Fund. Leave was granted.

Committee--Revs. Colley, Feild, Tead, A. C. Tulk, Stirling, Smart, Fletcher, A. T. Tulk, H. Petley, Upwards, Godden, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, Messrs. Grieve, Hon. J. Harvey, A. J. Harvey, P. H. Knowling, Hon. W. C. Job, Hon. R. Watson, H. W. LeMessurier, J. Rowsell, F. Somerton, Capt. Randell, Canon Bolt, convenor.

Reports Received

The following reports were then received by the House--(1) Report of Bishop Spencer College, by Canon Voel; (2) Report of the Auditors, by Canon Bolt; (3) Report of Queen's College Council, by Canon Bolt; (4) Report of Bishop Feild College, by Rev. G. R. Godden; (5) Report of Ordination Candidates' Fund, by Rev. C. H. Barton; (6) Report of Literature Committee, Mr. J. W. Withers; (7) Report of Sunday Schools Committee, Rev. G. H. Feild; (8) Report of Clergy Sustentation Fund, Mr. J. Harvey; (9) Report of Synod Temperance Committee, by Canon White; (10) Report of Synod Education Committee, Rev. Canon White; (11) Report of Bishop Spencer College Boarding Committee, Mr. W. W. Blackall; (12) Report of Statistics Committee, Mr. W. R. Stirling; (13) Report of E.M.S., Hon. Robert Watson in the

absence of Mr. H. W. LeMessurier.

Unfinished Business

Canon Bolt's Bill to amend Chapter xviii of the Rules and Constitution of the Synod, was read a third time and passed.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher's Bill to amend Chapter xxv of the Rules and Constitution of the Synod was read a second time. The Bill excited considerable discussion.

Rev. Fletcher informed the House in an interesting speech his reasons for the proposed change. The mission of Burgeo is an extensive one, and one priest cannot minister to the spiritual wants of the people as he would desire. The members of the mission were liberal contributors to Church funds, having more than raised their assessment, and he felt sure they would do more if the mission were divided and another clergyman sent there.

Glorious Tribute

Canon Bolt paid a glowing tribute to the work of Rev. Fletcher. Revs. Prescott, Nichols, Whitehouse and Mr. Blackall also spoke. The half hour limit for the notice of motion prevented further debate.

Mr. W. W. Blackall stated he would defer his motion in regard to Statistics until the report of the Statistical Committee was discussed.

Mr. Blackall brought forward his motion in regard to the Clergy, Widows and Orphans Fund. Sir W. Horwood seconded the motion. Mr. Smart proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Dr. W. F. Lloyd. The amendment was first put, and after much discussion was carried. The motion as amended was then put and carried.

Revs. Hollands, Dawson, Noel, Chamberlain, Messrs. Withers, Blackall and Chief Justice Horwood spoke. Dr. Lloyd was appointed convener of the committee.

Evening Session

House met at 7.30. After prayers by the Bishop, the roll showed 54 clergy and 47 lay delegates present.

Rev. Smart presented the Report of his Committee on the Home and Foreign Mission Fund, and moved that it be received.

One important item in the Report was the recommendation that in future 25 per cent. of the Funds be devoted to the Foreign Mission, going to the S. P. C. K. and the S. P. G. alternately, instead of 5 per cent. as at present. Mr. Smart gave notice of motion to adopt this report tomorrow.

Rev. G. S. Chamberlain gave notice of a motion to amend Section 6 of Chapter I of the Rules and Constitution of the Synod, which is the Section dealing with lay delegates.

Rev. G. H. Godden gave notice of a resolution of sympathy to the survivors of those who had lost their lives in the Empress of Ireland.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier gave notice of a resolution of sympathy to the survivors of those who lost their lives in the recent sealing disasters.

Made No Progress

The House went into Committee on Rev. E. H. Fletcher's Bill, and an interesting discussion followed, the following taking part, Rev. A. G. Bayley, W. W. Blackall, H. W. LeMessurier, Rev. Read, Rev. Butler, Rev. (Continued on page 4.)

BAY OF ISLANDS WILL GIVE DUKE GOOD RECEPTION

Full Arrangements Made at Public Meeting at the Courthouse, Says The Western Star

21 MEN WITH GUNS WILL MAKE THE WELKIN RING

Bands, Arches, Parades and Addresses Features of Earnest Effort to Make Visitor At Home

Curling, June 24.--A large and enthusiastic public meeting was held in the Court House on Monday evening to consider a reception to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, who will arrive at Curling on the evening of July 7th, in H.M.S. Essex--landing the next morning.

The Magistrate read a communication from His Excellency Governor Davidson, outlining the programme proposed for His Royal Highness on his visit to Newfoundland, and stating that special trains will run from Port aux Basques on the south and from Howley in the north to Curling on the afternoon of July 7th, and early morning of July 8th.

Reception General

As the meeting desired that the reception should be general rather than official, F. H. J. Ruel was elected Chairman, and B. D. Lilly, Secretary.

The place of presentation was first considered, and it was decided that His Royal Highness should be asked to make a landing at the Bank Residence, Petries, where the presentation will be made, after which the party will proceed by the Upper Main Road to the Magistrate's Residence, where some light refreshments will be served, and from thence on over the Court House Hill to Bagg Bros. wharf, where the launches and motor boats will have repaired in the meantime in order to convey His Royal Highness up the Humber River.

It was suggested that a typical Newfoundland welcome could be given by twenty-one men with guns near the landing, and a committee will be appointed to attend to that. Committees will also be appointed to ask the co-operation of all school children, and the Boy Scouts, and if possible a band will be brought over from St. John's.

Erect Arches

It is also proposed to erect two or three arches along the line of march, and an unanimous resolution was passed requesting the Mercantile Alliance to make the day a public holiday.

The meeting was fortunate in the presence of His Lordship Bishop Power, who having just returned from St. John's, was good enough to give his advice on points made clear to him by His Excellency and the Premier.

Revs. S. J. Stewart, the Ungava Missionary, arrived here last Thursday from England, via Montreal, and proceeded to St. John's by Sunday's express to attend Synod. Mr. Stewart spent the winter visiting his old home, in Ireland, and parts of Great Britain. He will again return to Curling after the Synod closes, and after spending a few days here, will proceed north to Ungava for another term.

Wreck Abandoned

Work of re-floating the wrecked American vessel George Campbell, at Woods Island, has been abandoned, and the hull is being dismantled.

Parsons Bros. are rafter their winter's cut of logs at Hughs Brook, and they expect to have their mill at Curling in operation next week.

The auxiliary schooner Verbena, Capt. Thos. Butler, left this week for Cape St. George, to collect codfish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. This fish will be brought to Woods Island, and loaded on board the Essex.

The C.H.E. Exams. are in progress this week. They are being conducted at the Curling Memorial School. Some thirty-eight candidates are sitting.

The S.S. Seal, Capt. G. Murley, arrived from Halifax, via Rose Blanche and other ports, at an early hour yesterday morning.

MILITANT SQUAD DAMAGES CHURCH

Belfast, June 25.--The arson squad caused extensive damage to the Episcopal Church at Ballylessin, near here today.

Dr. Shea leaves by the Stephano tomorrow.

American Concern Assigns Liabilities Are \$30,000,000

New York, June 25.--The biggest mercantile failure in the history of the United States was precipitated today when receivers were appointed for H. B. Claffin Company, this city.

This company, it is estimated, owes more than thirty million dollars which at the present time, it is unable to pay. The assets are said to be \$44,000,000.

John Claffin, the head of the concern and its chief individual stock holder, is owner of a chain of nearly thirty other dry goods enterprises throughout the country which are involved in his failure. Receivers for several of those were named to-day and similar action, it was announced, would be taken in the case of the rest. Their business will be continued under a receiver's management until their financial affairs have been adjusted.

From three to five thousand banks in all parts of the United States compose the bulk of the Claffin creditors. They hold notes aggregating the major part of the liabilities.

According to Claffin the failure was due to the unprecedented shifting of trade centres from New York, which compelled the concern to rely mainly upon its retail stores in other cities for profits.

Interested merchants were closeted with J. P. Morgan and other prominent bankers day and night for the past week in an attempt to avert the failure. It is understood that thirty million dollars was necessary.

"Mr. Morgan and others were not generous," said one who participated in the conferences, "but it was a question of raising the whole amount or none at all."

The receivers appointed say that the failure is of such tremendous proportions that it will be several weeks before it will be possible to know where they stand.

Though the failure is perhaps the most important in the history of the dry goods trade in this country, New York bankers predict the chief and perhaps only potent general effect will be the temporary demoralization of the dry goods trade.

Little Victim Of Fire Dead

Fatal Ending to Accident By Which Valentine Snow was Terribly Burned.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Snow have the sympathy of the whole community in the death of their little son, Valentine, who died yesterday afternoon as the result of a burning accident which occurred Wednesday evening.

Shortly after going to bed his sister's screams drew the little boy's grandmother, Mrs. House, to the room and she was horrified to find him a mass of flames.

Smothered the Flame She quickly threw the bedclothes over him and smothered the fire, but not before the flesh had been terribly burned.

Mrs. Snow, who has not been well for some time, received a great shock but she acted with great presence of mind.

Dr. Anderson was summoned and worked on the little sufferer for several hours.

The tiny form was terribly burned. The right side of the abdomen was burned black and the flesh came off in a sheet. The right ear was fearfully scorched and so was the neck.

The doctor did everything possible for him but without success and at 2.30 the Angel of Death called the little boy.

Terrible Injuries

His injuries were of such extent that he was unconscious and delirious all the time until he died.

Valentine was only 3 years old and like many other children was fond of the fire and matches.

The latter were kept out of his reach and it is not known how he secured them, but he had a box and after going to bed amused himself by lighting them. He set fire to his flannellette night dress and before he could make an outcry he was aflame.

The parents are distracted over the sad tragedy.

The remains were buried this afternoon.

ORTE'S AEROPLANE HAS BEEN CHRISTENED

Hammondsport, N.R., June 23.--The America, Rodman Wanamaker's flying boat, built for the purpose of attempting a flight across the Atlantic was launched yesterday at Flying camp on Lake Kueka. Miss Katherine Mason christened the vessel.

Glen H. Curtiss, Designer and builder of the machine, and John C. Porte, and Geo. Hallett, the pilots, who will undertake flight, participated in ceremony.

ALL WITNESSES NOW EXAMINED INQUIRY TO CLOSE

First of Counsels' Addresses Given Before Investigation Commission Yesterday

EMPRESS INQUIRY SETS REMARKABLE RECORD

Lord Mersey Congratulates the Lawyers on Their General Conduct

Quebec, June 26.--After a day spent mostly in consideration of technical evidence from John Reid, a naval architect, the Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry yesterday exhausted the list of witnesses summoned to give testimony before it and heard the address of one of the counsels, Geo. Gibson, of Quebec, representing the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union of Great Britain.

The Empress inquiry looks like creating a record for investigations of its character, being much shorter than that of the Titanic tragedy, and a number of other probes into big marine disasters.

Lord Mersey commented on the speed with which the inquiry had been carried on and also on the fairness with which counsels have acted towards each other.

Expects Surplus of \$37,000,000

Outlook in Canada Cherry Despite All The Talk About Hard Times

Ottawa, June 26.--The Dominion accounts for the last fiscal year closed today and a statement of revenue and expenditure will be issued in a couple of weeks. It is not expected to show much divergence from the estimate made by the Minister of Finance of \$163,000,000 consolidated fund and revenue; \$126,000,000 of expenditures on consolidated account and \$37,000,000 surplus.

London Was City Of Roses Thursday

London, June 25.--London was a city of roses yesterday, when Alexandra Day was celebrated. Nearly thirteen million artificial roses were sold by 20,000 women and girls, dressed in white.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)--Fresh to strong S. W. to N. W. winds, fair to-day and on Saturday with stationary or slightly lower temperature.

Ropers (noon)--Ther. 72; which is one degree lower than yesterday; Bar. 29.15.

that there were American heiresses in both camps.

Robert Vernon Harcourt, the radical member, is a son of Lady Harcourt, daughter of John Motley, former United States Minister in London.

SALEM, MASS., IS FIRE SWEEP

Salem, Mass., June 25.--Nearly half the city was devastated by fire which caused a loss of twenty million dollars. One thousand buildings were destroyed, including a score of manufacturing firms.

The fire originated in the Kern leather factory on the west side of the city and the burning embers started fires in two other sections of the fashionable residential district adjacent to Lafayette Street and a manufacturing and tenement house district on the peninsula bounded by Palmer's Cove, South River, and the water front.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS DEFEAT FEDERALISTS

Zacatecas, Mexico, June 25.--After four days of preliminary fighting, the final assault on Zacatecas took place on Tuesday, resulting in the capture of the city by the Constitutionalists.

The Federal dead, according to official figures, number 4,000, and the losses of the attacking side are not stated definitely, though General Villa estimates the casualties as 500 dead and 800 wounded.

How They Operate

The agents of such a despicable trade frequent parks, departmental stores, railway stations, trains and even ply their trade in the quiet secluded villages. This evil, to a great extent, is due to the double standard of morals, which exists in society today.

This is not only a question for the Church, but it is a question which vitally concerns the Nation, for the history of the world proves conclusively that only that nation is secure, whose foundations are grounded in civil righteousness.

Needless to-day Mr. Smith had an appreciative and interested audience. --A.T.

COLLISIONS IN FOG WITHIN A MONTH

May 29.--Empress of Ireland sunk by Storstad in St. Lawrence river. Lives lost, 1032.

June 6.--Laser New York rammed by Pretoria of Nantucket. No lives lost.

June 17.--Kaiser Wilhelm II. and Incomore crashed together in English channel. None lost.

June 18.--Collier Eturia and freighter Copesworth collided in English channel. None lost.