

asked whether, if the home missionary work of the Church required four superintendents, the temperance cause did not require one. He supported his argument with a reference to the success of the Lord's Day Alliance since the appointment of a field secretary.

A number of other strong addresses were delivered, which doubtless had much weight with the Conference for the Committee's report was carried by a good majority.

THE WOMAN QUESTION.

It seems rather strange that a resolution favoring the introduction of women

were three proposals, one for three years, another for four years, and still another for five years. Everybody seemed dissatisfied with the restrictions and conditions which have been connected with a four and five year term during the past eight years, and a desire for something definite was quite apparent. There was evidently a strong feeling in favor of making the limit of a pastor's term on a circuit five years, but when the hands went up there were not quite enough to carry the measure. The motion to make the term four years carried by quite a large majority.

small incomes of the home missionaries. Several wealthy men of the city of Toronto having assured the General Conference that they would stand by any plan for a forward movement which might be devised, there was little hesitation on the part of the Conference. Mr. Chester Massey's offer of \$5,000 is a splendid beginning.

Rev. C. W. Gordon, who was introduced to the Conference as "Ralph Connor," said he supposed that the college men who were in the Presbyterian fraternal delegation were sent because they were representatives of the truth, and



A MANITOBA WHEAT FIELD.

into all the courts of the church can easily be carried in almost any of the Annual Conferences, but is immediately defeated when it reaches the General Conference. Perhaps the explanation lies in the fact that the Annual Conferences know that they are not legislating, but merely sending the subject forward.

A warm discussion took place in the General Conference on the proposal to change the words "layman" and "laymen" to "lay delegate," and "lay delegates," thus opening the door for women to take seats in the Annual and General Conferences. Strong speeches were made on both sides, but the measure did not carry. On the vote being taken it was found that 126 were in favor, and 126 against. No one would have cared to give the casting vote on a question of that kind, but it was not necessary as a three-fourths majority was needed.

THE PASTORAL TERM.

It was a lively hour when the question of the pastoral term was discussed. There

NOTES.

The General Conference of 1902 will be remembered as probably the most aggressive gathering of the kind ever held in Canada. There seemed to be a desire and determination to take any and every forward step that would help to extend the kingdom of Christ.

It was an amusing thing to watch the delegates who wanted to speak when an exciting discussion was on. Most of them jumped to their feet as if shot up by a powerful spring. Upon one or two occasions fifteen men were on their feet at the same moment, all shouting, "Mr. President," and clamoring for recognition. If our class meetings could be characterized by something of the same anxiety to speak they would be the most attractive services of the church.

The appointment of four additional missionary superintendents, which was authorized by the General Conference, will involve considerable expense, which is to be met by a special emergency fund, so as not to cause any decrease in the

then added: "I don't know exactly why I am here except it is because it is that *sometimes I do not tell the truth.*" He then proceeded to indulge in some very pleasant fiction which the Conference greatly enjoyed.

Mr. N. W. Rowell told of a young man who was in receipt of a salary of \$200 per month in Toronto. He went to British Columbia to preach on a mission field, and when his expenses were paid at the end of the year he found himself exactly \$75 out of pocket. Many of our workers are experiencing similar self-denial.

The report presented by Rev. Dr. Cornish, General Conference Statistician, contained many encouraging figures, but there was one statement which did not elicit any applause. He said that, during the past four years, there had been a deficiency of \$273,000 in the salaries of the ministers. What a shame that so many worthy men should have been subjected to such shrinkage in already small incomes! Let us make an earnest effort to wipe out these deficiencies during the