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close of the Conference. It will contain a Provinces of the Dominion have agreed to the Discipline, etc., will be faithfully recorded. It will give brief biographical sketches gether, better acquainted with each other. Methodists into the union. Those funda- third ballot was being proceeded with, a Gray moved that the question be reconsider-Its size, a small quarto, will facilitate its mental principles being only three : the mainpermanent preservation and binding, and tenance of our peculiar doctrines, our social collectors had emptied his ballots on the tary should be elected or not. This motion permanent preservation and olinding, and tenance of our peculiar documes, our social table, when by a strange mishap, the ballots its files will in future be of exceeding value means of grace, and our itinerancy, or central as containing the contemporary records of stationing power, with a united, rotating got into the waste-paper basket. The Chairthe great events of Methodist history which pastorate. are now transpiring.

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#### THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

represent us before other denominations.

had only one object—the advancement of or the rough shanty of the new settler, behis country in constitutional liberty, in in- hind a desk in the counting-house, or behind telligence, and in piety. It must be a log in the woods, and breathe out their matter of singular gratification to the "deep unutterable groans" to the Omniscient be bestowed upon him. His personal history joys of Paradise." is that of his country for the last half younger generation of readers we will give Metropolitan Church, not in the Lecture agreed to act on Mr. Gray's suggestion. The work, and their hope was, that nothing elected alternates. in to-morrow's issue a somewhet detailed Room; and the hour will be 7.30 instead of ballots were counted, when as at the election would be done which would in any way affect Dr. Green and Rev. Mr. Sanderson thought biographical sketch of the President elect 8 o'clock. The Rev. C. Lavell, M.A., will of President, it was found that the matter the unity of Methodism, for the wish of the that it had been decided by the Committee of the Frst General Conference.

THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

We are already experiencing the advantages of the newly-consummated Methodist Union, in the wider range of men and greater variety of talent from which the Church may select those upon whom she will confer important office and from which she will expect valuable service. Many of us in the West remember, with pleasure, a previous visit of the Rev. D. D. Currie,he should have the D.D. at the other end of his name as well. The impression then made was that he was, as our American neighbours would say, "a live man," of varied parts and vigorous ability, of whom we almost envied our eastern friends the possession. We can now claim him as belonging. in an especial sense, to the whole Church. discharge the important duties of his office. In this he will be well seconded by the Assistant Secretaries, Rev. William Scott Express at .... 11 20 a.m. Mail at ..... 6 15 p.m. and B. Hopkins, Esq., -we are glad to see a New Connexion laymen elevated to this dignity,-and by the experienced Journal Secretary, Rev. J. Bredin.

## BEHALF OF THE GENERAL

ject which at first was scouted as visionary. if not undesirable, has by the good hand of our God upon us, so far progressed and matured that prejudices have been allayed, confidence begotten, and concessions made. to such an extent, that the several older Will be issued every afternoon to the branches of Wesleyan Methodism in the

Now, in carrying out this mighty and tated to ask the Conference to ballot over 81 stood up against doing so. magnanimous scheme much need there will again. He expressed himself as being sorry, be of "the wisdom which is profitable to but nobody was disposed to censure him. The columns of the Conference Daily direct." And who is the donor of that Ballot was again the order of the day, and

collective companies. The pastors of the venerable Dr. Ryerson had 89 ballots cast in city may do much to promote this spirit of his favor, the Chairman announced that that prayer, by the appointment of prayer-meetings gentleman was duly elected President of The choice of the General Conference in during the deliberations. But each individits presiding officer will, we are sure, give ual member of all the Methodist churches the greatest satisfaction throughout the en- who desires to see matters so shaped that a tire Methodism of the Dominion. Upon comprehensive and permanent union may be no member of that body could this honor effected among all who bear the general de: more deservedly fall. No Canadian name nominational name in Canada, may join in more deserved in the description in the second in the these supplications. Yes, it is the privilege to one or more committees, and also, that United States and Europe, than that of Dr. of the lowliest Methodist in our wide Do-Ryerson, and none is held in higher esteem. minion, man or woman, child or ancient. Of commanding presence, of ready and whether rich or poor, illiterate or educated, eloquent speech, of philosophic breadth of whether "dweller in the wide-waste, or city thought, of large acquintance with men and full," from the battling waves of the great affairs, and of unfaltering loyalty to Metho- Atlantic to where the surf breaks on the dism, the venerable Doctor will preside Pacific shore, from the lakes to the glaciers with dignity, and with all the weight of of the north, whether they are of the fair wisdom of many years, over the delibera- and florid sons and daughters of Europe, the wisdom of many years, over the definition of the Conference, and will worthily sable sons of Africa, or the tawny tribes Lay Secretary. While there was a division no matter what their distinction or from who roam in our forests deep, all may bend of opinion on this question, which called forth whatever source they had emanated. None which notice was only then being given. The The labors of a long and active life have their knees, whether in a carpeted bed-room, veteran Christian statesman-for such by One, "who sees with equal eye as Lord of mental constitution he is-to see the princiall," the suppliant posture of the urban ples, in defence of which he so bravely girded gentleman, and the "poor Indian in the R. Willoughby and others were of opinion was attached to their present gathering. ence. The motion was carried by acclamaon the armor of controversy in his youth, leafy wood, with teary face, upon his knee that the Conference had better elect two For sometime past their people throughout tion, the Committee to report at the next everywhere triumphant; and especially to so low," with the persuasion that He can feel that that triumph is largely due to his and will hear and answer as well as see. own earnest services. Canada and the Oh, for a mighty spirit of prayer to fall upon church of his early choice owes an incacul the sons of John Wesley in this Canada of able debt to Dr. Ryerson, and is exceed. ours! And if Wesley gets to know it in inly befitting that this mark of the honor heaven, and some of the ministering angels and loving regard in which he is held should will tell him, it will in reality add to "the

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST CENERAL CONFERENCE

of CANADA

FIRST DAY

AFFERNOON SESSION.

Precisely at 2 o'clock, the Chairman of the morning session, Hon. Judge Wilmot, took the Chair and announced the 485th Hymn, which was sung, and the Rev. D. Savage led

The Minutes of the morning session were

read and confirmed. Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS called for the exact number of the delegates to be announced so that it could be known whether there was a majority present or not. The list of delegates cries. of "question, question, no elecand are confident that he will effectually was not complete, so that it was not easy tion speeches, &c." The Cha'r ruled that to answer the question definitely; but it was the election of Secretary must be proceeded agreed that there was a sufficient number with, which was done, when it was found that tion of Rev. I. B. Howard, the Conference There were a few others whose names we did While the ballots were being distributed it quently 79 votes were required to secure an was clear that there was no small amount of election, and, as the highest number did not anxiety as to who should be the successful reach this, the proclamation, "no election," THE DUTY OF PRAYER TO GOD IN Candidate. At the first ballot, the numbers was again announced. stood thus, Dr. Ryerson, 63; Dr. Rice, 48; Dr. Douglas, 40; Dr. Wood, 6;. A few others and again they were counted, when it was scattering, with these, made the total number ascertained to the joy of the whole Confer It is a subject of gratitude, that a pro- of votes cast to be 160; 81 votes were requi- ence that the election was at last successful, site for an election, and as no candidate had for Rev. D. D. Currie had received 127 votes, received this number, the work of balloting leaving only 25 votes for the other candidates. was again gone through. Some of the mem- Mr. Currie was therefore declared to be duly bers of the Conference, thought the Chair elected, and accordingly took his place on should decide as to which of the names should the platform on the left hand of the Presi new be considered as properly being before dent. the house; but, the honorable Chairman, in reply said, it was the business of the Conference the Secretary should nominate his assistants. to drop or elevate as they may see fit, and or whether they should be elected by the full, authentic and official report of the an organic union in one General Conference, called upon them to proceed with their busi- vote of the Conference. Some contended Conference proceedings. It will place upon and a younger off-shoot of the parent body, ness. The result of the second ballot was that the appointment would be made with permanent record the speeches upon imporbut very respectably, has surrendered some Dr. Ryerson, 79; Dr. Rice, 51; Dr. Douglas, greater honor if elected by Conference. To tant subjects, and thus indicate for all time cherished preferences, and has also come 30; a few others received one or two votes a looker on this debate was desultory and unby what steps grave decisions were arrived into the organization. Surely "this is the each, which made the total number of votes necessary, and at one time some were afraid at. It will contain official and other docu- Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our to be 162, so that the successful candidate that the matter was not going to be disposed ments of general interest. All legislative eyes." There is much, however, to be done, proceedings, and especially all changes in to bring every part of the machinery into of the delegates to the Conference, and any conceded to all practicable parts of the where he was any longer than he could help, as some had voted for the previous resolution of the delegates to the Conference, and any office as some find which as some find the previous resolution that may tend to make the system; also to make such other modificate he said, but, as the Conference had placed on which a Secretary was elected, with the widely severed branches of the new Metho- tions. consistent with the true genius and him there he must if they pleased remove understanding that the vote should now dist church, for the first time brought to- principles of Methodism as will draw all him with as little delay as possible. As the be taken for a Lay Secretary, the Rev. J.

portant business. Dr. Ryerson, 89; Dr. Rice. 64 : Dr. Douglas, 7. These were as before several scattering We hope, therefore, to learn, that much votes which made the entire ballot just the Send on your subscriptions to the prayer is resorted to by the members of the same as before, viz., 162; 82 were therefore General Conference, both individually and in required to secure an election, and as the this First General Conference of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada. The announcement was received with loud cheers. At the request of Hon. Judge Wilmot, Dr. Ryerson ascended the platform and took the chair of the Conference. All the members outburst of applause with which he was re- more weeks he will have been thirty mittee. ceived, and asked the Conference to grant years, by permission of the Conference,

of this mishap upon himself, and was necessi-

when the Chairman rose to read the result

address them. run to waste, Dr. Pickard and others with him than himself; for not only had he never been was ultimately adopted; to the effect that contended that it would be better now that President of a Conference before, but, he a committee consisting of Hon. Judge they had elected a President, that they had not even ever presided at a district Wilmot, Hon. Mr. Shannon, Judge Deacon, should secure a Secretary from either the meeting, so that the Conference would see J. Macdonald, Esq., Revs. Dr. Pickard, G. R. clergy or the laity, and know no distinctions, how greatly he needed their indulgence. Sanderson, and the mover, be appointed to either of men or of Conferences. Rev. N. He need not tell them how much importance draft rules for the government of Confer-

been anticipated, for the unwelcome and felt, that they may be one throughout the office now to be filled.

where for several months in the year they should at all events live in Ontario.

Mr. Currie was repeatedly greeted with present to make all the decisions that might the vote stood thus: A. Sutherland, 32; Dr. be arrived at, legal, and, therefore on the mo- Pickard, 21; W. Scott, 6; D. D. Currie, 75. proceeded to ballot for the President. not catch but 157 votes were cast, conse-

Again the ballot papers were distributed

The question was now discussed, whether vote was called for, when 78 stood up in favor of the reconsideration of the question, and

On motion of the Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, the Secretary of the Conference nominated the tollowing as his co-workers in the Secretariat: Rev. W. Scott and B. Hopkins, Esq., Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. J. Bredin, Journal Secretary. The Conference approved the

The PRESIDENT desired the Conference to sing a few verses of the 500th hymn, and the Rev. J. MILLIGAN led in prayer, after which the PRESIDENT delivered his inaugural address. during which he was listened to with marked attention, and was again and again loudly cheered. Dr. R. evidently lives in the affections of the members of the General Conference. He said that he was taken by surprise when he first heard that there were several brethren desirous that he should occupy this chair; had he known this last night such knowledge would have disturbed his sleep-Secretaries, one clerical and the other a layman. this vast Dominion had been pondering over session. Secretary, which was done. At this state of coming together. It was not too much to to meet at 9 a.m., and adjourn at 12 noon. the proceedings, Rev. J. Gray suggested that say, that not only in Canada, but throughout Dr. Rice intimated that some of the lay

nouncement was made, "no election." Rev. world. He, the President, was sure that all I. B. Howard suggested that some nomi- now before him were desirous to hold their UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH nations for Secretary should be made, as principles inviolate, and he did hope and many in the Conference were entire strangers pray that they might be guided by wisdom to each other, and consequently did not from above, so that all their conclusions know who were the most competent for the would tend to a wise issue. As this Conference consisted of an equal number of clerical Rev. D. D. Currie also wanted to speak, as and lay representatives, he was reminded of he had heard his name mentioned in con- the first Conference which was held in Cannection with the Secretariat; he reminded ada when they became independent, which the Conference that he came from the East, was in 1828, at which Conference he had the honor to move a resolution to the effect that were shut up with frost and snow, and as he no new measure affecting the rights of the believed the Secretary would have to pass laity should be adopted as law until at least through the press a new and revised disci- two-thirds of all the quarterly meetings had pline, he was of opinion that the Secretary given their sanction. This measure gave their reople what was called the veto power. a power which the laity in no other church possessed. It gave him special pleasure that day to welcome the representatives of no less than seven Annual Conferences, one of which was the New Connexion Conference. with which they had long been negotiating to bring about the union of Methodism, which was now happily so far consummated. It would be remembered by some present that when a few years ago Dr. Douglas moved for the division of the Canada Conference into two or more Annual Conferences, with one General Conference, he (Dr. R.) said at that time, that the General Conference must of necessity consist of an equ l number of lav. men, and he was glad, therefore, that he had ived to see such a delightful consummation which had brought together so many representatives from all parts of our beloved Canada. He would ask the members of the Conference, one and all, to be importunate at the throne of grace, so that our business may be conducted in harmony, that to all future time this first General Conference nay be regarded as a model for all other Gen. eral Conferences. As would be seen, he was not strong, his voice was feeble, from recent colds, but, he would assure them, that whatever remained to him of bodily or mental strength was all at their service, and he would most cheerfully do all in his power, so long as he lived, to help forward the cause of Metho dism in the world, but especially in Canada He would suggest that a committee of two or more ministers from each Annual Conference should be appointed, whose duty it should be to prepare matters of business to be brought before them, this he suggested in order to save

> but Rev. J. Gray, rose to a point of order. which was that the Secretary had not vet addressed the Conference. As it was they had confered upon him, at the same time he was sorry, for of late he had been working very hard, and needed some recreation. However he was not afraid of work. and as he had got an able staff of assistants he would throw all upon them that he could and even then, he was not afraid but that there would be plenty for him to do.

Dr. Pickard then read the list of Committees that he supposed would be absolutely neces ary in order to expedite business; he did not however suppose that these would be all that would be required, but he would name the following for the present : Discipline, Itinerancy. Publishing Interests. Missions, Education. He would suggest that two members from each conference should be nominated by the members of the respective Conferences, to compose the said committees, as the Conferences would be the best judges as to which of their members were most suitable

ing hours. Of one thing he was sure, he expressed the hope that all the members of of the Cenference rose to their feet and gave had not sought the office, consequently the General Conference would be appointed

him a few moments' indulgence, during the occupant of an important office, which is desired to be considered as a notice of motion which they might proceed to the election sometimes called secular; and should be which he thought, would be considered more of Secretary, after which he would briefly spared five months longer, he will have been suitable than that of Dr. P., as his resolution in the Methodist ministry fifty years. During | provided as to how the nominating committee A considerable time was then taken up in his chequered life he had not been without should be elected. He was proceeding to speak discussing the question as to whether there honors, but he regarded the honor now con. in defence of it, when he was reminded by should be one Secretary, or a Clerical and ferred upon him as far exceeding all others, Dr. Rice, Dr. Green and others, that it was out

Rev. G. H. Davis moved a resolution (which

On motion of Dr. Allison the Conference at the movements which had been inaugurated, On motion of Rev. W. H. Poole, the hours last resolved to proceed with the election of and which had culminated in their present of meeting and adjournment were appointed

the Conference should vote by show of hands, the whole of the Methodist world, great in- members elected from the Montreal Conference and not by ayes and noes, as he perceived terest was felt in the proceedings of this ence were not present in consequence of some brethren had strong voices, and could Conference. Their fathers in England, who affliction, he wanted the President to rule readily speak as though there were more had always treated the Canada Conference that the laymen now present from that Consaying aye than really were, while they could with great indulgence, were now seriously ference might be permitted to elect some century; but for the information of a The preaching will be in the body of the only raise one hand each. The Conference would others as alternates. Some Conferences had