

CHURCH UNION AT THE ASSEMBLY

Figures of the Vote of Presbyterians Analyzed.

Proposal to Unify Home Missions Defeated.

Temporal and Spiritual Growth of the Church.

Edmonton, Alta., despatch: Practically a full complement of the members of the Presbyterian General Assembly was present this morning when business was begun at the first regular session.

The plan of the Home Mission Committee to unify the mission work of the church received an unexpected check when the matter was introduced this afternoon. The first recommendation of the committee was that the division of the church into two sections should be terminated, and that in the future administration this separation should not be recognized. This was defeated.

The proposal that all the work in the western section, including the supervision of the hospitals, Sunday schools, Indian work, etc., should be under the supervision of the home mission committee also received unexpected opposition.

When opposition from this source developed, Dr. A. S. Grant withdrew all the further recommendations of the home mission committee until the committee of systematic conference, which has charge of the new budget plan, had reported.

Two incidents of note occurred at the morning session. Rev. Dr. Somerville spoke of the small increase in the membership, and indicated that there was something seriously wrong when, in the face of an immigration of 350,000 the church gained only two or three per cent. in membership.

STATISTICS ARE BLAMED. Principal Baird, speaking in reply, threw great doubt on the statistics furnished by the Government with regard to immigration, and indicated that the reason why the church did not get a larger proportion of the newcomers into the membership was that they did not remain in the country. There had been, he said, no intentional padding of the returns. Everyone was, however, aware that the work of counting the immigrants at the points of entry was done in a rapid, superficial and haphazard manner.

Dr. Baird also pointed out that, in his calculation, Dr. Somerville had made no allowance for the deaths in the denominations, and stated that the actual additions amounted to five per cent.

Principal Scrimger raised an interesting point in connection with the church union debate. Certain statistics were presented by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, as clerk of the assembly, setting forth the actual vote of the denomination on the issue. Dr. Campbell, as it is well known, is not in full sympathy with the union movement, and it appeared to Principal Scrimger, who is a union man, that there were some other figures which were more favorable to the cause which were not shown in the report.

When Dr. Campbell had finished the reading of his report, Principal Scrimger asked whether figures were available showing the number of sessions as such, and congregations as such, which were favorable to union. Principal Scrimger took the ground that the popular vote might not be very strong for one of the parties, but that the number of seats secured by the party might be very large. The actual figures desired by Principal Scrimger were said by Dr. Campbell to be readily available, and they will be presented to the assembly. It is stated that they will show that more than 80 per cent of the sessions and congregations in Canada voted for union, which is approximately the vote cast by the congregational body. The sentiment of the present assembly appeared to be that the vote in the church was decisive, and that, although there may be vigorous discussion, organic union is only a question of time.

The union committee was in session for a considerable time today, and the assembly will enter on the general discussion of the subject to-morrow.

Dr. Somerville reported in the morning for the committee on statistical information, and indicated the size and strength to which the communion has grown in Canada. The point had almost been reached when a million was annually raised for missions, and five million for church purposes. Turning to the darker side he pointed out that in these vital matters of accessions to the church on the basis of personal faith the situation was not satisfactory.

Two infants to-day saved Mrs. Bertha Tufford, of Jordan Station from a six months' term in the Central prison for thefts which she admitted. The Magistrate informed her that she appeared to be deserving of imprisonment, but for the sake of her babies, he would let her go with a ten dollar fine, which her husband paid, declaring that he knew nothing of the thefts, and that it was unnecessary for her to steal.

MOTOR CYCLE RIDER KILLED. Salt Lake City, Utah, June 10.—Henry Putter, an amateur motor cycle rider, was killed in a fall from his machine in a three mile race at the motorcycle here last night. Putter was riding near the top of the track when his machine collided with a pole, throwing the rider into the arena. He was traveling about 65 miles an hour.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Death of Triplets at St. Thomas Hospital.

Niagara Falls Man May Die of Worry.

Galt Boy Shot While Playing Baseball.

The Duchess of Connaught continues to improve.

The Government has made wholesale dismissals of Yukon officials.

Three Governments are said to have plans under way to develop the north country.

The Republican National Committee at Chicago decided to admit representatives of the press.

Three hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed towards a new grain exchange building at Fort William.

North Toronto will vote July 6 on the questions of annexation to the city and the double-tracking of Yonge street.

American citizens and foreigners in Cuba appealed to their respective Consuls for protection against the negro insurgents.

Philip Kauffman was found to be guilty of negligence in the Toronto coroner's jury which investigated the Victoria Day automobile fatality.

Two delegates will be sent to the Labor Day luncheon of the Canadian National Exhibition, who will speak plainly for the Trades Council.

Harry Donald, of London, one of the oldest conductors on the Grand Trunk Railway, is dead.

There has been a falling off in the number of building permits issued by the Toronto City Architect the first five months of this year, also in the number of new buildings erected from January 1 to May 31, but the value of the new buildings has increased.

Two prominent farmers, Patrick O'Keefe and Daniel Brown, were drowned in the Jack River, near Richmond, Ont., about twenty miles from Ottawa. They were crossing on a low bridge which was flooded and drove off the structure into deep water.

Climbing upon a high beam in his father's barn during a sparrow hunt, Howard McMahon, aged ten, of Belle River, lost his balance and fell to the ground, receiving injuries which cost him his life. The lad was found unconscious on the floor.

Triplets, all girls, were born at Annsa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Styles, of Port Stanley, but they died a few hours afterwards. This is the first time that triplets have been born at the local hospital.

The bill which will allow Southern New England (the Grand Trunk) Railroad and its lines to Boston was enacted in the House of Representatives. After having been enacted in the Senate, the bill was sent to Governor Foss.

Guelph Presbytery met at St. Andrew's Church, Hespeler, for the purpose of inducting Rev. J. L. Small into the pastorate of that church. Rev. Marcus Scott, of Berlin, preached. Rev. Mr. Thorn, of Hawkesville, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Preston, addressed the people.

Brooding over the recent accidental death of his two sons may cost John Barry, ironworker, employed by the Canadian Niagara Power Co., Niagara Falls, his life. Worry caused heart attack while Barry was at work and he suddenly fainted and fell to the ground. His condition is serious.

While playing baseball with several other boys, James Derrick, a lad who lives on McKenzie street, Galt, let out a yell: "I'm shot" and fell to the ground. A doctor was called and it was found that a 22-calibre rifle bullet had lodged in the boy's foot and it was taken out. The bullet was a stray one and no one with a gun was seen. The police are investigating the matter.

The value of farm lands in the vicinity of Port Colborne reached the high-water mark to date when Montreal parties purchased the farm of J. Scilly, consisting of two hundred acres, for \$47,000. The same parties also purchased Templin Bros' farm of sixty acres for \$14,000. As these lands are situated on the Welland Canal, it is supposed that they will be used as the site for large manufacturing plants.

ATTACKED BY NEGROES. Havana, June 10.—A body of negroes armed with rifles attacked the National sugar mill at Marianas, a suburb of Havana, to-day about this morning, evidently with the intention of burning it. They were held at bay by private armed guards, but the firing continued until a troop of artillery summoned by telephone from Camp Columbia appeared, when the raiders vanished. Pursuit of the raiders was impossible, owing to the darkness and a downpour of rain.

SEABOARD AIR LINE. New York, June 10.—Announcement was made here last night of the purchase of S. Davies Warfield, president of the Continental Trust Co., of Baltimore, of a large block of stock in the Seaboard Air Line Railway, whereby control of the railroad will pass to Mr. Warfield and a group of financial interests associated with him. The transaction, it is said, marks the practical re-formation of Thomas F. Ryan from the Seaboard.

FOR THE FARMERS

Eight New Districts Laid Out by Government.

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FOOLISH GIRLS

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CANADIAN PRESS

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