

ST JOHN PRESBYTERY.

Rev. Mr. Mullin's Case Given Another Hearing.

Rules for the Church Building Fund-Saturday Home Mission Report.

The St. John Presbytery met on the 14th inst. in St. Andrew's church schoolroom. The moderator, Rev. Dr. Macrae, presided, and there was a good attendance. Rev. Mr. Robertson of New Glasgow was invited to be a guest at the meeting. The election of a moderator for the ensuing term resulted in the re-election of Dr. Macrae.

At the last meeting Rev. Mr. Mullin had asked for the extracts from the minutes of the St. John Presbytery of 1885, which his case was dealt with. He now asked for the names of those present at the meetings to be furnished him. The request was not granted.

The answers to the report of the committee, Rev. Dr. Macrae and Rev. Mr. Rainnie, were as follows: First, the presbytery in their judgment merely reaffirmed its previous resolution in opposition to the wishes of the members of his congregation, and finally that the decision of the presbytery was ultra vires and against the rules and forms of procedure.

The findings of the governor's commission are of such a nature that it is not thought likely that the courts will, on the present status of the case, grant a new trial. This will call for Shea's election on Feb. 4, when the governor's respite, granted during the pendency of the investigation of the McGough sensation, will expire.

Mr. Black, the eminent and wealthy coal dealer, called on his oldest drivers into the office the other morning and tendered him quite a large sum of money.

"What is this for?" asked the astonished John, who had just returned from the roll, but by so doing they would lose a church and congregation.

"This is for the money," said the coal dealer, "I have been thinking of you for some time, and I have decided to give you this money as a reward for your services rendered."

"But you've always paid me well for the coal," said John, "and that was appreciation enough."

"There is really more than that in it, John," continued Mr. Black; "I really owe you the money."

"Let me tell you," and he dropped his voice to a whisper. "You have been with me for twenty years, working 300 days every year, and averaging three loads a day, that makes 18,000 loads. You weigh 150 lbs. John, and we have never failed to weigh you with every load; that makes 2,700,000 lbs. or 1,350 tons. This, at an average of 21 cents per ton, represents \$322,500. The package you hold in your hand contains £120, or 10 per cent, which we think is yours by right. We don't desire to fraud anybody out of what is justly his."

John bowed in humble submission, and is now waiting for the next dividend.

THE POTATO IN FRANCE.

In France we find that the potato was placed on the royal table in the year 1616, but it was Parmentier, an apothecary, who really introduced it, and did all he could to get it generally cultivated, though not without the assistance of the government.

A high price was offered by the Academy of Besancon for the discovery of a new food which would fill the place of cereals in case of a famine. Parmentier showed his potatoes, and Louis XVI. gave him fifty morgen of land to plant them on. When shown the first flowers of his potatoes, the king used them as a buttonhole bouquet. Queen Marie Antoinette had them in the evening in her hair, and at once princes, dukes and high functionaries went to Parmentier to obtain such flowers.

All Paris talked of nothing but potatoes and the cultivator of them. The king said, "France will thank you some time hence because you have found bread for the poor." And France has not forgotten Parmentier, for I saw myself, in 1833, potatoes growing on his grave in the grand cemetery of Paris, the Pere la Chaise, and I was assured that they were planted there every year, so that his services might never be forgotten.

Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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"What are you writing, Hawley?" "A story, I'm going in for fiction."

"No, for my tailor. He wants his money, and he's telling him I'll send him a check next week." -LORD DUNBAR.

MONCTON.

Statistics of the Foreign Trade for the City and Outports.

Customs Collections for the Past Year Far in Advance of the Previous Year.

Moncton, Jan. 14.—The statistics of the foreign trade of Moncton and outports show that the past year has been one of considerable activity, if indeed it does not touch high water mark. The customs collections amounted to \$79,085, as compared with \$52,276 in 1894 and \$38,092 in 1893. The exports, as compared with 1894, were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 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