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REV. WM. AITKEN

Resigns his Pasturate of St. James' Church.

PASTOR FOR 22 YEARS.

A Memorial Read at Meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Aitken's Reply.

The presbytery of Miramichi met in St. James' Church on Thursday the 10th to take into consideration the resignation of his charge by the Reverend William Aitken.

The sittings were stormy, but notwithstanding there was a good attendance of Trustees and congregation of St. James', and also of the members of Presbytery. After a preliminary points Mr. Aitken's resignation was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Aitken adhered to the resignation of the charge. In his past and recent state of health he could not do otherwise.

The St. James' people were then summoned to appear in their own interests. It was then stated by them that trustees and congregation had met together, and after full consultation, had come to a unanimous conclusion, and had appointed commissioners to represent them at Presbytery. The commissioners were present and were supported by James Falconer, Esq., who acted as chairman of the congregation.

Major Morrison on behalf of the commissioners, then stood up and stated that the memorial in his hand contained their unanimous agreement. This memorial he then read before the Presbytery and congregation. It runs as follows:

At a Congregational Meeting of St. James' Church, Newcastle, held in the Church Hall, on the ninth day of April, 1902, and called for the purpose of considering the resignation of our Pastor the Rev. William Aitken, as per Citation of Presbytery, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following expression of the feeling and decision of the congregation:

It is with feelings of the deepest regret and sorrow that we approach the consideration of the resignation by our minister the Rev. Mr. Aitken of his sacred office as minister of this church and congregation.

Through his long and faithful service of twenty-two years, we have come not only to know the active love and tender sympathy of his nature, but also to respect and trust his judgment and decisions, and we feel that he has not taken this step without the fullest consideration. We know too, that in tendering his resignation to Presbytery Mr. Aitken has been actuated and guided by his steady and constant study of what he conceives to be the interests of the church. He has given us the best of his thought, all his strength, and now that he views in faith may not allow him to take up the duties of his office, it is his desire, in with his life-work, that we should seek, not the benefit of himself, but of his people.

We deplore the cause which has led him to this decision, and we are filled with grief that it means the partial severance of the ties which so long have bound pastor and people.

As an minister Mr. Aitken has always given us an earnest of his best. The high order of his ministry is known and appreciated throughout the whole Canadian church. In our hours of sorrow and our joys he has been a true friend and a faithful pastor. Notwithstanding his ministry gave evidence of a profound sense of vastness, from we specially point on the twenty-two years as we have personally found it loving, faithful and high minded in charge of our souls, and of love, confidence and respect.

We are glad that Mr. Aitken will have time to live among us, and that we may have the privilege of associating with him.

Our earnest hope and desire is that he may be long spared to preach the word among us, and that he may be ever satisfied by seeing in us and the community, living evidence of his belief that work for our temporal, moral and spiritual welfare.

Owing to our pastor's long service among us, and recognizing his ill health we early mistaken too, we the congregation here assembled, hereby order and declare the Trustees do each and every year during Mr. Aitken's life, set apart out of the funds of the Church the sum of one hundred dollars as a yearly retiring allowance for him, and that they annually pay the same to him.

JAMES FALCONER,
Chairman.

Mr. Aitken feelingly expressed his kindness of his congregation spoke in the following manner.

Mr. Moderator,

I stand here under deep and strong feelings to which I dare not venture to give expression. The occasion is a solemn one. The resignation of a minister of a church is a serious matter. It points not directly to the past. Deep responsibility is involved. Moral issues have been the result, or at least the inhabitants of many a night, the cell of many a soul. The ... Moderator! ... enter now upon this phase of the matter. My people have met me in a most genial spirit; they have spoken, it is true, in a sad and serious spirit—but they have especially spoken to their retiring pastor in words of kindness and love and sympathy. That memorial read by the Mayor is a master piece. It is so full of love and kindly pathos that I cannot restrain the outrush of my warmest thoughts. It makes me feel how deeply and earnestly a people may become attached to their minister. My ministry here has been a long one, as ministries go at the present time. I have been minister of St. James' church during the past twenty-two years. That is a long time, but in many respects it has been a happy time. During the first fifteen years, I was blessed with perfect health and strength. Then came a season of sickness when I was laid aside for nearly a year. After this long rest I was able to return and take up my work again. This continued during the following seven years, and it was only in the fall of the past year that my health again failed. It was then I decided to tender this resignation of my charge. I felt clearly that whatever sacrifice was involved, it should be borne by the minister and not upon the people.

After ... consulted to ... and asked the Trustees to ... [illegible] ... freely ... [illegible]

My people ... and ... respect ... are always ready to help me with the good work of building up Christ's kingdom. I have every reason to love them warmly in return. During these twenty-two years I have never had an unkind or disrespectful word from man, woman or child in my congregation. I bless God when in His Providence led me to such a charge.

And now Mr. Moderator, I must say a few words in regard to St. James' church. I must speak very tenderly of the past and of its people. Some people have been lately enough to say St. James' church ... money for the purpose ... for ruin. Such people have ... nothing about St. James' church. Why, she has been the ... in Northumberland. In the auxiliary ... she fostered and ... from her church, and sent them ... the gospel in that western ... to the beginning of my own ministry, Douglastown which was part of St. James' church, went forth on her own responsibility. Then Nelson which was then a part of St. James' church, built a church, and recently uniting with Douglastown, called a minister and became an independent and self-sustaining congregation. These three congregations are composed of people who for many belonged to St. James' church. I claim therefore that St. James' church has always been a liberal church. I know that she has done more than any other church within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Miramichi, in spreading the gospel and building up the kingdom of Christ in the surrounding districts.

And now Mr. Moderator, I have spoken freely of the other spirit with which my people have met me here to-night.

My friends, the words of that memorial for ever ... to me. Your expressions of ... kindness are on the wings of the wind. And may I not ... them in ... [illegible] ... I may and must. The proof is at hand. They are accompanied by an amount gift of the most munificent character. Your retiring pastor leaves with an appreciation which can not end in ... every feeling of gratitude. I sincerely wish you all good ... in the future. I hope you may ... [illegible] ... and thoroughly Christian ... [illegible] ... That is what you will ... [illegible] ... work. May God grant ... all the blessings ... [illegible] ... in your homes and in the ...

Mayor Snowball Re-elected.

The civic election contest for Mayor yesterday, Mayor Snowball was re-elected over Major Morrison by a few. Over 800 votes were polled and both sides worked hard all day to induce electors to vote for their respective candidate.

SHOT HIS FATHER.

The Act of an Insane Young Quebec Man

SHERBROOKE, April 12.—The police have received information from Varennes that Albert Lussier, Seigneur of Varennes, formerly a member on the house legislature, was shot and fatally injured this morning. His son, Aldee Lussier, has been arrested charged with the crime. The story told by the police is to the effect that the family were aroused early this morning by the strange actions of young Lussier, who showed unmistakable signs of insanity and attempted to eject his mother and sister from the house. The father interfered and it is said was shot twice.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Board's Report of Their Business.

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS.

A Financial Statement of Our Schools From Oct., 1899 to March 31, 1902.

At a joint meeting of the School Board and a committee from the Town Council held early in 1899 it was agreed that the fiscal year for school purposes should end on the 31st of March in each year and as soon as convenient after that time the school accounts would be audited and the board would make its estimates for the next year.

Last year the school accounts were audited in May and June instead of but the auditors in their report as published in the "Blue Book" of the town seemed to forget that the above agreement had been made and also that they had refused a report when asked them at that time and evidently thought a report for the year ending March 31st, 1902 was due the council three months before the year closed and for which none or assessment ordered had been received. The school board when it assumed its duties found an indebtedness of about $1100 and a total absence of funds, and it was necessary to maintain the schools for six months with only $600 from the County Fund money thereby necessitating an increase of liabilities $1600 or a total indebtedness of $3000 as shown by the report of the auditors. This amount of indebtedness together with the knowledge that considerable expenditure would be incurred from necessary repairs and improvements to the different buildings, and that some time would elapse before the assessment for the year 1901 would be available induced the board to obtain the requisite legislation and issue bonds for $8000 and they hoped that in the future they would not have to do business in a hand to mouth fashion as formerly, but unfortunately the town council have failed to place the credit of the school board, one dollar of the school assessment ordered for the year ending March 31st 1902 and the board are once again face to face with the old routine.

Since the present board have had control they have placed a furnace in the Adams school with a suitable cellar for fuel. They have placed the Chapin Island Road school in a sanitary condition and added suitable out-buildings. In addition to this they found that this school in its present site was not on the ground as shown by the original deed and therefore they had a survey made new land including the buildings purchased and the whole property satisfactorily arranged for in due recording of the same.

Owing to the crowded condition of Grades VII and VIII it became necessary to open a new department to embrace Grade VII and this necessitated the re opening of the Regent Street school to which Grades I and II with their equipment were removed. The room vacated was refitted for Grade VII.

A large number of new maps and other supplies were placed in the different departments and now the board feel that the schools are well equipped for satisfactory work.

Below are added financial statements for two periods one from Oct. 1st 1899 to March 31st, 1901 and the second for the year ending March 31st, 1902.

From Oct. 1st, 1899 to March 31st, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

1899.	Note of Board of Scn'l Trustees	$ 2000.00
1900.		
March 1,	Cash, Co. Treasurer	313.03
March 31,	" E. P. Williston tax fees	74.00
June 16,	" Rent Regent St. S.H.	27.00
Aug. 2,	" Co. Treasurer	334.00
Oct. 1,	" E. P. Williston tax fees	35.00
Dec. 1,	" Town Treasurer	271.00
Dec. 6,	" Tuition Fees	5.00
Dec. 31,	" Tuition Fees	8.00
1901.		
Feb. 26,	" Co. Treasurer	296.26
March 31,	" Town Treasurer	296.00
		3662.26

EXPENDITURES.

March 31,	Teachers salaries 1899 to March 31, 1900	3110.16
	Secretary's salary 1899 to March 31, 1900	135.00
	Janitor's salaries 1899 to March 31, 1900	388.85
	Fuel	255.25
	Rent Hutchins Academy one year	200.00
	Insurance Adams School	38.00
	Discounts and Interest on Bank account	105.12
	Insurance on St. James' school	150.00
	Sundries	185.69
	Repairs	57.17
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Question Regarding Assessment Tax.

Tax ... April 12.—It is understood that the business men of this city and Lorne are planning to test the authority of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners in holding together to ... special meeting as which business enterprises in ... liably to assessment ... to the federal treasury. ... the expenses of municipal government ... parties and other corporations refused to pay the tax, ... the law imposing it is ... unconstitutional.