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"A GREAT SIGH OF RELIEF"**Ottawa Legislators Are Highly Pleased at Result of Church Vote in Toronto****PROBABLE RESULT OF DIVISION IN HOUSE****Standard Correspondent Estimates Vote for Union, 86; Against Union, 148**

Ottawa April 9—A great sigh of relief went up from the legislators at Ottawa when it became known that the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature had so amended the Church Union Bill as to give congregations the right to vote themselves out of the Union and retain their church property instead of being dragged into the Union first, and then left to gnaw their way out afterwards if they can. It is conceded that it is much easier to be bundled into the Union than it is to make an escape from it; being once in. The fact that possession is nine points of the law would be the obstacles in the path.

Definitely frees them from these anxieties the action of the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature definitely frees them and no doubt is made that the Standing Orders Committee of Parliament will not insist on punctilious technicalities but will expedite the progress of the Church Union Bill to the Private Bills Committee where an amendment similar to the Toronto one will be added.

Congregation the Unit
When the bill comes before the House of Commons in this amended form everybody will be free to vote for it without qualms and what is more important without danger of getting into trouble with his constituents. In fact there will be merit in it; for a vote for the amendment will be a vote for the rights of the individual—in this case the congregation is the unit—which is the taproot of democracy. In another light a vote for the amendment is a vote for non-interference which in fact cases is his safe and sane course for statesmen.

The Roman Catholic members of Parliament; hitherto hindered by a sense of delicacy from taking part in discussion of other people's religion will be able to vote for such a salutary doctrine as non-interference almost en masse. Up to the time the Toronto amendment was broached they talked of either not voting at all or dividing fifty-fifty to show that there was no prejudice.

Constitution of the House
The House consists of 76 Presbyterians; 75 Roman Catholics; 36 Methodists; 35 Anglicans; 3 Congregationalists; 6 Baptists and a smattering of other denominations. Without venturing on anything in the nature of a prediction—it is not improbable that of the 76 Presbyterians thirty will vote for the Union; said thirty being from the Prairie Provinces where Church Union is already "a fait accompli." All the lay Presbyterians in the House east of Lake Superior seem to be solidly set against sacrificing their fine old Presbyterian identity. There is a tinge of hauteur in their attitude toward their Methodist wooers who—so they say—are satisfied with a clergy only indifferently educated. The Presbyterian mind is a Scotch mind with a Scotch hunger for logic only slightly tinged with emotion; and they ask that their spiritual directors will be well grounded in metaphysics and the humanities. The Methodist mind is alleged; and sometimes with a great deal less. (Vote for non-interference.) The seventy-five Roman Catholics

Social and Personals

Miss M. Dunn of Whitneyville was a visitor in town last week.

Mr. Wm. Bernard spent Easter in Moncton the guest of his sisters.

Miss Marion Reid of Amherst spent the Easter holidays with Miss Annie Bell.

S. J. Campbell spent the Easter holidays with friends in Fredericton.

Mr. Allan Menzie of Fredericton spent Easter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Menzie.

Miss Bertha Ferguson of Moncton is spending the Easter vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Forsythe and daughter Miss Jean, spent the Easter vacation with relatives in St. John and Sussex.

Mrs. David Ritchie, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Miramichi Hospital is improving.

Mr. B. A. McCurdy of Detroit, Mich. is spending a three weeks vacation with his sister Miss A. Elva McCurdy.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, passed through town on Saturday en route to Halifax from Ottawa.

Miss A. Elva McCurdy is spending the Easter vacation with relatives in Clifton, N.S.

Miss Helen Black of Provincial Normal School Fredericton is spending the Easter vacation at her home here.

Mrs. P. N. Brown spent several days of last week the guest of her aunt Mrs. Robert Irving, Chatham.

Miss Katherine Maltby of Mt. Allison is spending the Easter vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Maltby.

Friends of Mrs. A. W. Brown, who was recently operated on for appendicitis in the Miramichi Hospital will be pleased to hear that she is improving satisfactorily.

Mr. R. R. Corbett, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, Campbellton is in Doaktown, to which place he has been transferred for a few weeks.

Mr. Ray Ashford, who graduated this year from Mount Allison arrived on Saturday to spend the Easter vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ashford.

Patrick O'Shaughnessy, who has been spending a vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Shaughnessy returned to Montreal yesterday.

Mrs. R. H. Armstrong left last Tuesday for New York City, where she will spend the next three weeks visiting her daughter Miss Kathleen Armstrong.

Many Newcastle students of the various Colleges, Universities and Normal Schools spent the Easter vacation at their homes here.

Professor F. J. Liscombe has returned to Newcastle from New York City, where he spent the winter months, and has again assumed his position as Organist and Choir leader of St. James' Presbyterian Church.

Miss Mary Sinclair entertained a number of her young friends to a delightful Easter party yesterday from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sinclair.

Dr. De Oloqui has returned from New York where she has been taking a four months course in the use of Insulin, also in Blood Chemistry, and Hæmatology, Asthma and Allergic Conditions.

Dr. De Oloqui will resume office practice May 1st.

Mr. F. R. McD. Russell, of Vancouver, B. C., who accompanied the remains of his mother the late Mrs. Matthew Russell to Newcastle for burial spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and Mrs. Dr. R. Nicholson, prior to his departure to Ottawa, in which city he will act as one of the commissioners appointed by the Federal Government to revise the Statutes of Canada.

will not find it hard to vote for non interference with their Protestant brethren the thirty-five Anglicans will be in favor of everybody minding his own business and the six Baptists will not be inclined to force the Presbyterians into a union when they themselves refused to join.

On top of all this is the universal instinct among legislators to distrust and even to oppose anything in the nature of a political bloc that might insist on writing new tyrannies into the laws and other wise clutter up politics at Ottawa.

Of course the 36 Methodists in the House of Commons will vote in a body for union as will the six of other denominations these being the party of the second part and much more anxious for the wedding than the Presbyterians.

If the bill ever reaches the House it is not unlikely that a division would see a vote something like this—against union 148; for union 89. The days have it.

Miss Mary McCarron of Moncton is visiting Miss Lottie McWilliam.

Miss Katherine Stables spent the Easter holiday with friends in Moncton.

Miss Isabel Ferguson spent Easter with relatives in Fredericton.

Miss Florence Price of Moncton spent the Easter vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price.

Rev. Herbert Ashford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashford leaves shortly for the Yukon as a missionary.

Miss Marguerite Lawlor of Ottawa, is spending a three weeks vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawlor.

Miss Ella Bernard spent the week-end in Moncton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Masson.

Misses Jessie and Maudie Keating are spending a few days with friends in Moncton.

Mrs. W. P. Jones and Miss. Marjori Wetmore of Woodstock are guests of Alderman and M. S. H. Ritchie for the Easter vacation.

OBITUARY

MRS SEWELL H GODFREY

Word was received here Thursday morning of the death at Brewer, Me on Sunday morning of Mrs. Sewell H. Godfrey after an illness of about a year. Mrs Godfrey was formerly Miss Mona D. McKnight of New Jersey; Northumberland and was 31 years of age. Besides her husband she is survived by her father John McKnight of New Jersey; three brothers and one sister.

MRS MATTHEW RUSSELL

The funeral of the late Mrs. Matthew Russell of Victoria, B.C. was held last Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of her son Mr. John Russell of this town. A funeral service was held at the home by Rev. L. H. MacLean pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church of which the deceased was a devout and faithful member for many years while resident in Newcastle. Deceased's favorite hymn "Shall we meet beyond the River", was sung at the home after which Rev. Mr. MacLean held a short funeral service. Interment was made in the family lot in St. James' Cemetery. The pallbearers were composed of relatives of the deceased lady viz:—John Russell; F. R. McD. Russell; Dr. R. Nicholson; Joseph Henderson Wm. McMaster and Howard Fleiger.

MAIL YOUR REMITTANCE

We have rendered our subscription accounts and would respectfully request each subscriber to remit us the amount due.

Consolidation Of The Statutes

It is understood that the Provincial Government has not yet named the Commission; provided for by legislation passed at the last session of the legislature to carry out consolidation of the statutes.

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MEMBERS RETURN HOME

The New Brunswick Legislature having prorogued Messrs. Morrissey; Martin; Fowle and Vanderbeck; representing Northumberland County have returned from Fredericton to their respective homes.

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The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court last week handed down judgments of importance in several cases. Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen; Mr. Justice White and Mr. Justice Grimmer were the court and the various members read judgments.

In the case of the King vs. Finley ex parte Miramichi Lumber Co. the rule was refused with costs. This case concerned assessment of the Miramichi Lumber Co. on personal property in the town of Chatham. The Company appealed against assessment. The judgment is a victory for the town.

In *Buckley vs. London Insurance Company* appeal was dismissed with costs.

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