

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

Concluded its Business Thursday and Adjourned to Meet in Toronto Next.

Representation Reduced from One in Four to One in Six—Big Lot of Important Business Disposed of at the Closing Session.

OTTAWA, June 18.—The Presbyterian general assembly at its morning sitting considered the report of the Young People's Societies, of which there are 758 within the church, with a membership of 26,801. Lack of interest was noted on the part of the older people leading necessarily to a lack of interest among the young folks. A remedy for the present condition of affairs would be the organization along denominational lines like the Methodists and Baptists, the holding of Presbyterian unions, supporting of interdenominational societies, after a very full discussion the committee recommendations were adopted.

The report of the finance committee, eastern section, was then presented by E. A. McCurdy, the contributions for the different church funds totalled \$105,010.77, as compared with \$75,875.57. The report of the western section was presented by George Keith, the contributions to church funds being \$69,478.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland of Halifax at the afternoon session presented a report of the augmentation committee, eastern section, and moved its adoption, seconded by Rev. Dr. Fraser of St. John. The report, among other things, recommended a grant to the congregation at L'Anse-au-Loup.

The report of the western section recommended the appointment for two years of an agent to visit the augmented churches in Ontario and Quebec. Mr. McMillan, assistant clerk, particularly championed this recommendation, pointing out the imperative necessity for the appointment of a man to act in "detective" capacity so as to prevent collusion between ministers and congregations.

The use of the word "detective" brought a hornet's nest about McMillan's ears, commissioner after commissioner rising and protesting against the proposed appointment, and finally the recommendation was thrown out by an overwhelming majority.

Rev. Dr. Mackay of Montreal then wanted the augmentation fund converted into a sustentation fund. Principal Forrest of Halifax urged the assembly to pause before passing to the resolution of the elders regarding the increased liberality towards the widows and orphans fund. The resolution was accepted and the elders cordially thanked for their interest in these funds.

A special committee on the extension of Sabbath school work recommended the appointment of three Sabbath school missionaries—one for the maritime provinces, one for Ontario and Quebec, and one for the west, salaries to be a charge on children's day collections, their duties to be to organize new schools and promote efficiency of work. Consideration was deferred.

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ed, but that the synod of Winnipeg be allowed to engage him as an ordained missionary for twelve months. This recommendation met with objections, and the commissioners who opposed the application made strenuous efforts to have it not entertained.

Rev. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton said there was reasonable opposition to the application. Where Mr. Madill was best known the presbyteries had lost confidence in him. His ability as a worker was well known, but his bad qualities which made him undesirable as a minister of the church.

Rev. Dr. Egan of Winnipeg upheld the application. Mr. Madill had been working in Manitoba now for more than two years, and his work had been exceptionally well done. The presbytery where he was working could supervise his work, and at the end of the year make a fresh application for Mr. Madill if his work justified such a course.

Rev. Dr. Gordon, convener of the committee to consider the application, said that the committee had come to its decision after very careful consideration. Mr. Madill had stated his repentance for his practices. The amendment that the application be not entertained was lost on division.

Dr. Sedgewick moved in amendment that Mr. Madill be received on condition of his presenting a satisfactory certificate from the Congregational Union. The amendment was lost. The recommendation was then adopted by 76 votes to 52.

The following applications to receive ministers were granted: Presbyteries of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Rev. Duncan Stuart; St. John to receive Rev. H. MacPherson.

At the afternoon session President Forrest presented a statement, signed by himself and others, giving reasons for dissenting from the assembly's action regarding Rev. Mr. Madill, first, because his career in both churches did not warrant his employment as an ordained minister in this church; second, because it was disrespectful to the Congregational church to employ a man whose name had been dropped from the rolls of that church, without previous communication with the Congregationalists; and thirdly, because such action tended to discourage young men from seeking admission to the Presbyterian church in the regular way.

The statement was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Rev. Dr. Sedgewick presented the report of the eastern section of the widows and orphans fund, which was adopted. There are at present 22 annuitants on the fund. The total expenditure last year was \$5,289.

Rev. Dr. Holman presented an overture signed by several commissioners, asking the appointment of a committee to inquire into the whole question of training men for the home mission field. After some discussion an amendment of Principal Grant for the appointment of a committee to meet in Winnipeg, and retaining the overture to the home mission committee and college session, all to report to the next assembly, was carried.

Dr. Torrance, in the afternoon, presented the report of distribution. Two recommendations are submitted that the number of vacancies prepared for all except in cases of emergency, and other ministers only by special permission of the presbytery to the exclusion of probationers. Secondly, that the report on supply be one of the standing orders of presbyteries at each meeting.

Rev. Dr. Moore presented a resolution to consider the question of an assembly commission of executive. This committee recommended its institution, with the moderator as convener. The committee would deal with matters of legislation, and all such items as expressing sentiments of the church on public occasions, loyalty or sympathy with certain causes, appointment of a chaplain to soldiers going on active service, correspondence with government, etc., etc. The committee recommended the sending of the presbyteries under terms of the barrier act.

Dr. Moore also presented a report of the committee on the ordination of students. It recommended that any student in divinity, having successfully passed the first year, may be ordained by the home mission committee, subject to several conditions, to work in a certain field. The student will not be a member of the presbytery and cannot go abroad from his allotted field, nor take another charge, nor administer ordinances elsewhere.

Dr. Sedgewick reported for the committee on the elder moderator question, stating the committee could not agree in his finding. Dr. Sedgewick moved that the committee be discharged. For two years the committee had failed to accomplish anything, and it was not dignified to the assembly to allow the matter to drag on.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Carman, superintendent of the Methodist church, regarding precedence at state ceremonies and asking for co-operation in seeking to have precedence abolished. The question originally came up in connection with the funeral of the late Sir John Thompson. A committee was appointed to communicate with the Methodists on the subject.

A special committee on an overture from British Columbia, which suggested aid in matter of travelling expenses to commissioners attending the assembly from the west, recommended a conference to all presbyteries under the barrier act. This remit recommends reduction of the assembly representation to 1 in 8 of all ministers and elders, instead of 1 in 4, also that a fund for travelling expenses of commissioners to assembly be instituted under regulations to be adopted hereafter.

Principal Grant pointed out that the system of billeting could not continue much longer with the present large number of delegates.

Dr. Forrest, Halifax, opposed a 1 in 8 reduction. He would not oppose a reduction to 1 in 6.

Dr. Sedgewick thought the matter of quadrennial meetings would come up in this connection.

Dr. Sedgewick thought this point ought also to be considered. Dr. Campbell, Perth, moved in amendment that the word "one in six" be substituted for "one in eight". This amendment was carried and the report as amended adopted.

The usual vote of thanks passed, the moderator then briefly addressed the assembly and pronounced the benediction, after which the parliament of the Presbyterian church adjourned to meet in Toronto next year.

BRITISH COMMONS.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Strongly Opposes Preferential Duty on Sugar from the Colonies.

LONDON, June 20.—During the course of a discussion of the clauses of the Finance Bill in the house of commons today, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, informed the house of an amendment providing for a preferential duty on sugar from the British colonies, that he had no intention of embarking on such a policy. It would benefit neither the country nor the colonies, would deprive the exchequer of revenue without benefitting the consumer and might endanger trade with foreign countries.

The chancellor said there was a strong feeling on this subject in Germany, and the acceptance of the amendment would mean a serious risk of losing the favored nation treatment Great Britain now enjoys in Germany. If preference was extended to sugar from Canada, (2) Australia would want special treatment for other products, and then foreign countries would offer the same concessions to the colonies and ask for similar treatment. He was not prepared to risk the loss of Great Britain's foreign trade, which was greater than the trade of the colonies. The preference granted by Canada had not greatly benefited trade between Great Britain and Canada, for the simple reason that the preference was not applied to a protective duty against the British and in favor of the Canadian manufacturer.

The amendment was negatived by a vote of 266 to 16.

LONDON, June 21.—The outcome of the debate proved to be somewhat amusing. Knowing the significance of their following the supporters of the amendment tried to withdraw it, but the Irish members insisted upon a division, with a result that only 25 members voted in its favor, and the majority of the amendment, Spencer Plimsley (conservative) himself voted against it.

There was considerable laughter at the expense of Sir Charles Howard Vincent (conservative), the leading spirit of the protection party. The free traders expressed the greatest satisfaction at the outcome of the division, and regarded the incident as a great blow at Joseph Chamberlain's pet idea of a "soil-reform".

Sir Charles Howard Vincent, in the course of the debate, expressed his regret that Mr. Chamberlain was not there to defend the "soil-reform". Mr. Chamberlain is confined to his bed by gout and is not likely to appear in parliament for several days.

SOUTH AFRICA. (MOLLENB, Cape Colony, June 18.—Kritzhager and Fouché, the Boer commanders, are proclaiming that any persons reporting the whereabouts of any Boer command will be fined 250, or in default will be compelled to accompany the command on foot for three months.

According to the best information available, about 2,500 armed Boers are in Cape Colony, and continue to secure recruits.

OTTAWA.

An Interesting Report from Canada's Representative in Australia.

Hon. Mr. Mulock's Visit—Interest in the Pacific Cable Question—Messrs. Connors Have a Claim Against the Government.

OTTAWA, June 19.—An interesting report was received at department of trade and commerce today from J. S. Larke, trade commissioner in Australia. He refers to the visit of Hon. Mr. Mulock to the commonwealth, and says an illness kept him confined to his room most of the time he was in the colony. The postmaster general saw a good many people, yet his visit to Australia was not likely to be as productive of good to Canada as it would have been had he been able to go around. Mr. Larke alludes to the interest in the Pacific cable question, in business done by the Eastern Extension company during the last ten years. He urges this as a reason why the Pan-Britanic Pacific cable will be a paying enterprise if completed at once.

The commissioner mentions that the characters of companies of Australia have been formed into an Australian council, and that the first meeting they had adopted a resolution warmly endorsing the Pacific cable project as well as state owned telegraph and cable lines throughout the empire. Representatives of Canadian manufacturers report good orders in Melbourne and Adelaide, but business is somewhat unsettled owing to celebrations in connection with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and also owing to the delay in bringing down the new tariff. Merchants in Sydney had greatly overstocked their warehouses in anticipation of a higher tariff to be settled, but Mr. Larke does not think it will be presented before the latter part of August and possibly later. He mentions that a steel company has been formed in Australia, and that it is having a somewhat injurious effect on certain lines of business.

The department of militia today received the parade plans of the South African constabulary (Canadian contingent), dated Cape Town, April 18th. The total number landed there from Canada was 1,203 officers and men. The roll-book of the regiment giving the names of the officers and men, next of kin, etc., has just been received by the department.

The Canadian Electrical Association opened its eleventh annual convention today. Quite a programme of interesting papers has been prepared.

The city reception committee is anxious to know the Ottawa programme for the Duke of York's visit, but the premier told them today that nothing will be decided until Lord Minto returns to Ottawa.

About fifty special constables for the C. P. R. were sworn in today.

The department of militia has received a claim from T. Connors & Sons for the cost of the last of a portion of buildings occupied by the Consumers' Goods Company, and owned by Messrs. Connors which the department has torn down in connection with the construction of the St. John Rifle range.

OTTAWA, June 20.—The cabinet today appointed three new judges for Quebec, Desmarais, M. P., Tremblay, K. C., Montreal, and Rochon, Hull.

The interior department hopes to secure a number of settlers from those now waiting for a grant of new lands in Indian territory.

STRIKE CONDITIONS

Improving All Along the Line—Many Men Coming in—A Few New Men Engaged—President Shaughnessy's Message.

The local C. P. R. officials report that the condition of the strike on the Atlantic division was greatly improved yesterday, favorable reports having been received from all along the line. Several of the strikers have come in and others, among them some of the prominent men, have called upon the officials, representing themselves as satisfied with the terms offered by the company and stating their intention to return to work at once.

A few new men have been taken on, but positions as far as possible are being held open for the old employees whom the company is anxious to retain in its service.

Following is the text of President Shaughnessy's conciliatory message to the strikers, which has done more than anything else to restore confidence in the company:

MONTREAL, Que., June 19, 1901. Men, Maintenance of Way Department who are work or have suspended work: I have seen the circular issued by the operating officers to the trackmen this afternoon, and I can assure you that I am not the man, many of whom have been in the company's service for several years, to consider the situation carefully before finally abandoning their occupations. I had an interview with me at which I heard and saw the greatest attention to everything advanced in the interest of their fellow workmen.

Had there been the slightest warrant for concessions beyond those already made by the company's officers, matters would not have been permitted to reach this stage. The men charged with the administration of the company's affairs are justified in according to employees the highest pay prevailing on neighboring railways and the greatest safety in other respects that circumstances will permit, if they go beyond the lines open to the accusation of incapacity or extravagance. The company has a right to expect that the maintenance of way department. There is no desire to show disrespect because of any occurrence. On the contrary, it is hoped that, given the committee all promised support, it will be put into effect promptly. I also as to obtain the advantage of the concessions, representing a very large annual sum that the company feel justified in making and to give to the company and its officers the same loyal service and support that have characterized every branch of the service from the beginning.

In dealing with your committee, the company has been guided by the same considerations. From the time that the dispute commenced, the only question as to what could be properly done, was the question of meeting end, as soon as this was determined, every effort was made to have displayed on nearly every section of the line, the best testimony that any man as an employee, and make it as all possible.

From every official consideration, I am sincerely sorry if any of our employees should leave us to accept other situations. Without the certainty of improving their positions. (Signed) T. G. SHAUGHNESSY, President.

HALIFAX LADIES' COLLEGE. HALIFAX, N. S., June 18.—The commencement of the Halifax Ladies' College took place this afternoon, attracting a large assemblage of the friends of the students. President Laing occupied the chair. After the preliminary proceedings came the annual address of the president. Rev. Mr. Laing was able to announce the full staff for the ensuing year, which provides for a number of changes and additions in the college and conservatory.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Alms Mater prize to student doing best work in one college year—Jenny Fraser, 10. Governor General's medal, three college year—Mary Ryan, St. John; scholarship, Elsie Taylor, St. John; honorary prizes—Spang, Ellen Buckley; 1 preparatory spelling—Margian Hensley; 1 preparatory composition—Marjorie McKee. Drawing—Kate Drysdale, Janet MacGregor.

Miss Mabel Murray of Sussex, youngest sister of Pres. Walter Murray of Dalhousie College, delivered the closing valedictory for the graduates.

A violin solo was given in good style by Marjory Rudolf.

Rev. W. J. Armistead and Rev. Dr. Black delivered addresses.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' VISIT. ROME, June 20.—Cardinal Gibbons starts tomorrow for Florence and in a few days will go to Normandy for a month's rest. Although the cardinal refuses to discuss his mission to Rome, it is said in competent quarters that the suggestions of various nations in regard to the diplomatic representation of the United States there came to him. Cardinal Gibbons is understood to have accomplished a great deal towards the settlement of the Cuban and Philippine questions and regarding Catholicism in the United States.

ANOTHER CAPE BRETON ACCIDENT. DOMINION, C. B., June 18.—John McDonald was instantly killed at Dominion No. 1 mine of the Dominion Coal company about eight o'clock this morning. McDonald was a machine runner, and was just commencing his day's work when a large piece of stone fell down, striking him on the head, killing him instantly. He was a young man, aged about 35, and a son of Sandy McDonald of Glace Bay.

PROMISING CROP REPORT. WINNIPEG, June 20.—The Winnipeg crop reports from Manitoba and the Territories are the most favorable ever published. The largest crop on record is almost a surety.

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on would be very expensive of little value. The moderator decided to appoint a new assistant Dr. Wilkie in the color, India.

lites was appointed to handle resolution regarding of Vermont Mackay. The evening assembly Mayor Mordecai the civic address of which the moderator made a house.

s Grant then delivered an the prevention and cure of the moderator thanking the physician, said he could not upon the hearty consent of the church to check this

rt of the board on French Dr. Hardy took place this from the court house. The were taken to Grace church, services were conducted by after which the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, where the services were held. The pall bearers were Hon. Wm. Hon. C. B. Heyd, Hon. T. C. H. Waterous, G. H. nos. Woodruff, Dr. Digby, J. Stratford and Thos. amount of floral offerings among them being from the atford city council, Brant public school board, and school board. The attendance at the funeral was very large, cabinet ministers, parliament and other prominent of Toronto and Hamilton.

RD HAVEN, Mass., June E. P. Blackburn of Philadelphia, from Philadelphia for the charge of coal, anchored for medical assistance. Mr. Blackburn was taken aboard a fishing vessel which had been taken sick and been confined to his berth. The intention to land the sailor in a hospital, but the doctor it a mild case of smallpox, sick man was compelled to be on board. The Blackburn Bangor this afternoon.

NEWFOUNDLAND. NS, Nfld., June 17.—Another sooner bound for Labrador lost in the crushed ice in the Belleisle. Forty-seven men were rescued. The fishing vessels have reached their crews were in good condition, having lost nothing.

OLUMBIA REVOLT. ON, Ia., June 17.—Advices from Columbia say the men to lay down their arms, but ill treatment of political by government officers. Promoters are paraded through all towns.

RT, Me., June 17.—Destiny, Me., burned this morning, insured for \$500.

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