

N. B. Home Missions.

The regular monthly meeting of the board was held in Brussels St. church parlors on 4th inst. A special request from New Maryland came before the board, and it was resolved that our general missionary, Bro. Patterson, be sent there as soon as possible. A grant of \$100 was given to the Tobique field. The reports of work done here during the last year are most encouraging. Letters and reports were read from Bros. M. P. King, J. W. S. Young, W. E. Carpenter, I. N. Thorne and the colporteur, Bro. D. A. Branscombe. The colporteur's report was presented by Bro. Nobles. The receipts from sales amounted to \$88.54; grants given \$2.49; expenses, \$7.09. The board is hopeful of making this branch of our work still more efficient in the coming year. The help of the general missionary is also asked for Bathurst and Andover, in the former of which there are promising indications for evangelistic work. There is at the present time ample work for two general missionaries in the various unoccupied fields. Pressing appeals also came to us from many of the weak churches for needed help, but we have to content ourselves with using the means at our disposal, and helping only those whose necessities seem greatest. Brethren of the churches, we want your generous support. May we ever feel that we have the sympathies and prayers of our people with us in this all important service.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

Church Organized.

By invitation a council met at Bedford, N. S., to advise the Baptist brethren there as to the wisdom of organizing themselves into a church. Six ordained ministers and a number of laymen including four deacons composed the council. Rev. Dr. Saunders was appointed chairman, S. C. Freeman secretary. One of the brethren made a statement as to their reason for calling the council. When it was learned that the Baptists had carried on a S. S. for seventeen years and now numbered thirty, that a weekly prayer meeting had been held, that a Woman's Missionary Aid Society had been in operation for several years, that one person had turned from Catholicism and was waiting to unite with them, that a commodious building known as Temperance Hall had been secured, that they were situated in a village with great probabilities of growth, then, although there were to be but six charter members it seemed advisable to encourage them in every way. A deacon, a clerk, and a treasurer were appointed, and to this little church, small in number, but great with opportunities and possibilities was given the name, Bedford Baptist church. Arrangements were made by Halifax District committee to give them preaching services twice a month. Hearty indeed were the good wishes of the visiting brethren. Heartfelt prayers and solemn advice based on rich experience were freely offered. Every part of the service was of a very solemn and deeply spiritual nature and contained a blessing for all. The earnest and impressive sermon preached by Dr. Kempton reached the hearts of those present and caused them to throb with a deeper devotion. The meeting closed and the members of the council separated to their respective labors, thankful that unto them had been given the privilege of participating in so important an undertaking.

S. C. FREEMAN.

The Transvaal Volksraad sat in secret session on Thursday. It is understood that an agreement was reached to grant the franchise immediately to all settlers prior to 1890, and to other classes of residents within seven years. Several British officers have been ordered to proceed to South Africa to organize the residents, as well as the police and local forces, at various points on the frontier.

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News Summary.

The Queen has revived the Barony of Dorchester, conferring the barony on the wife of General Lier Carleton, daughter of the late Baron Dorchester, and her male heirs.

At Fredericton Wednesday lightning struck the Howard Crangle building, the City Hall and the fence surrounding the officers' quarters, but little damage was done.

Fred Vanwart, son of W. H. Vanwart, of Fredericton, was kicked by a horse on the fingers of his right hand Wednesday afternoon. The ends of two of the middle fingers had to be amputated.

The Bank of British Columbia has invited tenders for an issue of £340,000 in 3 per cent. British Columbia government inscribed stock at a minimum price of ninety-six per cent.

The Conservatives of South Winnipeg nominated Hon. Hugh John McDonald to contest the seat against Provincial Secretary Cameron in the coming general election. A close contest is predicted.

Moncton's gold-seekers, J. H. Dunlap, Capt. Dernier and S. W. Palmer, who left about fifteen months ago to seek for gold in the Alaskan territory are on their way home, unsuccessful.

Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, president of the United States Council of the Women's International Congress, has been elected to succeed the Countess of Aberdeen as president of the congress, which will hold its next meeting in Berlin.

Crop reports from Manitoba railway agents state farmers report growing crops looking exceedingly well; much better and more advanced than last year. The conditions for rapid growth are all that could be desired and prospects are bright.

Former King Milan, father of King Alexander of Servia, narrowly escaped assassination at Belgrade on Thursday. He would be assassinated in under arrest. He fired four revolver shots, one of which slightly grazed His Majesty. King Milan was slightly wounded in the back.

Lawyer H. C. Henderson, counsel to Police Captain Price, charged with disorderly conduct before the Mazet investigating committee at its sessions of June 2, at New York, was on Wednesday fined \$5 in the Police Court. Mr. Henderson had himself committed, paid the fine under protest and said he would try to appeal the case.

A severe electric storm passed over Queens County, P. E. I., Wednesday. A son of Thomas Curley, Village Green, sitting in the door of his stable, was rendered unconscious for over an hour. A barn belonging to James McDams, Lake Verd, was burned to the ground, together with a threshing mill, cleaner, and a new self-binder.

The special conference between President Kruger, the members of the cabinet, Fischer, a member of the executive council of the Orange Free State, and Hoffmeyer, the Afrikaner leader, has been practically concluded. It is believed that the franchise proposals have been accepted and that peace will be preserved.

At Tower Hill, Charlotte, Wednesday, the barn of James Ross was burned and his house damaged. A cat upset the lamp at which Mrs. Ross was heating curling irons. The cat's fur caught fire and the frenzied animal, after setting fire to Mrs. Ross's dress, ran into the barn and ignited the hay. The barn was insured for \$300, and its contents for \$150.

A fatal poisoning accident is reported from Gibson. James Boyne, formerly of St. John, died at his home at Gibson on Tuesday. The undertaker had left a bottle of embalming fluid at the house and deceased's youngest child, a boy one and a half years old, got hold of the bottle and drank some of the fluid. He was instantly seized with spasms. A doctor was summoned and worked with him several hours, but despite his efforts the child died.

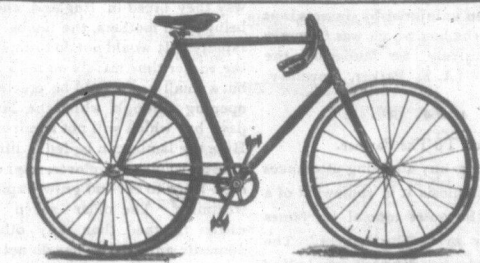
Personal.

Rev. Charles Henderson having taken pastoral charge of the St. Francis field wishes his correspondents to note that his address is now Connors, N. B. Mr. Henderson writes that he has received a very warm reception from his old friends in St. Francis, both French and English, and is encouraged to hope for the Divine blessing upon his labors.

Rev. J. A. Gordon, of the Main Street church, St. John, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Montreal, and will close his labors here the last of this month. This announcement will be heard with deep regret not only by the Baptist people of St. John but by the denomination generally in these Provinces, for Mr. Gordon is recognized as one of our strongest men and his work has been greatly blessed to the good of the churches which he has served in the gospel.

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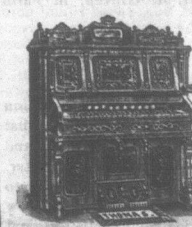
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