

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON'S SESSION.  
A communication from a number of county constables was received, asking that the Council use their influence to allow the constables to put their prisoners in county gaol without first having to bring them before a magistrate to be remanded. Referred to a committee.

Following is a summary of the Equalization Committee's report, comprising the whole county:  
Number of acres, 757,533; assessed value of property, \$36,101,372; assessed value of personal property, \$181,234; total assessed value of property, \$36,282,606; total equalized value of the whole county, \$33,627,655.

A motion by Mr. Campbell that the equalized value per acre of the township of Moss be reduced from \$30 to \$27 was lost. Mr. Hardy moved that the equalized value per acre of the township of Carleton be reduced from \$30 to \$28. Lost.

Mr. Coughlin's motion that the acre valuation of Westminster be reduced from \$34 to \$32; was also lost.

Mr. Duffin moved that the valuation of West Nisour be reduced from \$50 to \$48 per acre. Mr. McLeod moved in amendment that the reduction be only \$1 per acre. The amendment was carried.

Mr. Patterson's motion that the acre valuation of Moss be made \$29, was carried. And the report as amended was adopted.

The second report of the road directors which were adopted:

The township of Ettrick be granted permission to establish a three yards wide on road lot 14 and that the Clerk be instructed to draw up a by-law to that effect, that on the communication of T. H. Tracy no action be taken. That in reference to the petition of the residents of Carleton and Delaware for the creation of a bridge, a committee be appointed to ascertain the cost.

The first report of the Agricultural Committee, recommending no action in the matter of appointing a veterinary inspector was adopted.

The second report of the House of Refuge Committee recommended that the applications for the position of physician be laid over until December session. Adopted.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider applications of students to Agricultural College recommended the appointment of Richard N. Morgan, of Adelaide, provided he furnish the necessary certificate of qualification. Adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

That with reference to the resolution of Messrs. McKay and Duffin re peddlers' licenses, no action be taken. That the Clerk be instructed to appear from the decision of Judge Street in the suit, Middlesex vs. Sturges and John Walker, late registrars. Accounts to the amount of \$101.46 were recommended to be paid. The committee also recommended the grant of \$25 to be given to the treasurers of the farmers' institutes in the county on the order of the president.

The report was adopted after being amended, providing that the Walker appeal be left with the Warden. Chairman of Finance and Mr. Gilmour with power.

The report of the special committee re amalgamation of London South with the city of London asked that the committee be given further powers to deal with all agreements or arrangements existing between the county and city as to the jail, administration of justice, and other matters consequent upon the amalgamation of London South with the city of London. Adopted.

In the matter of heating and ventilating the county buildings, the County Engineer explained that the cost would be about \$400.

Mr. Gilmour moved, seconded by Mr. Eckford, that the Council advise that the buildings be heated by a furnace, and that the Warden, Mr. Scarrow, Mr. Boston, Mr. Wiley and the Engineer be appointed a committee to have this carried out.

Moved by Thomas Duffin, seconded by Joseph McLeod, that the Council be instructed to pay to the treasurers of the townships of London and Nisour, respectively \$150 for repairing the bridge on the town line between London and Nisour and belonging to the county. Referred to the Board.

Moved by Mr. Rathburn, seconded by S. H. Hodgins, that the Engineer be instructed to have a new fence erected on half of the north boundary line of the registry office grounds at Gloucester, also some slight repairs on the office. Carried.

Moved by C. C. Hodgins, seconded by S. H. Hodgins, that in the event of any appeal being made against the equalization of the county for the year 1890, this Council agree that the senior judge make the final equalization. Carried.

## INTERRUPTED.

The Parson Suspends His Sermon to Wed a Couple.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 14.—There was a sensational marriage in a church at Avondale the other morning. Miss Flora G. McCarty, 15 years old, went to the church with her father and mother. At the door she was met by J. H. Brown, her lover, who lifted her into a carriage, and they drove rapidly to the house of the Probate Judge in this city and procured a license. The girl's father secured a hack and started in pursuit. He was close on them at the probate office, but they drove rapidly back to the church at Avondale with the old man only two blocks behind, the horse going his best pace. The young couple walked up the church aisle in the middle of the sermon.

"We want to get married," they said to the astonished minister.

The minister read the license, married the young couple and resumed his sermon just as the angry father reached the door. The unexpected interruption was much enjoyed by the congregation.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Dr. Ryckman Introduced—Ministers Asking to be Retired—Manitoba Educational Legislation.

OTTAWA, June 13.—In the General Assembly this morning the deputation appointed by the Methodist and Methodist Conference to pay a fraternal visit to the assembly were introduced, consisting of Rev. Geo. McKitchie, Rev. Dr. Ryckman and Messrs. Peter Lessieur and P. M. Robins, all of Ottawa. Rev. Dr. Ryckman referred to the many bonds of sympathy between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and elicited cheers by citing the attitude of the two bodies towards the \$60,000 grant out of the Jesuits' estates, and the resolve of the Methodist Conference not to touch a dollar of it. In a humorous vein Dr. Ryckman said: "You hold the doctrine that there is no falling from grace, but unfortunately we do live up to it. (Laughter.) Practically we reach the same point. (Laughter.)" Dr. Ryckman continued that organic union might not be near or even in sight, but if not he felt that it would not be because of differences between Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

The Moderator replied in a friendly and fraternal spirit.

The following application of ministers for leave to retire were referred to the committee: Halifax, Rev. Geo. Christie; Quebec, William A. Johnston; Lindsay, Alex. Ross, M.A., medical certificate; Guelph, Wm. Milligan; Toronto, Robert Wallace, Andrew Wilson and Wm. McKie; Lanark and Renfrew, George Bremner and John Crombie; Chatham, Arch. Currie; Wilby, Alex. A. Drummond and A. J. McLelland; Stratford, Daniel Gordon; Chatham, A. A. Waddell.

Rev. Dr. King, principal of Manitoba College, drew attention to the following sections of the Home Missions report relating to schools and colleges:

First Section.—In the report of last year reference was made to schools and colleges. Since that time a radical change has been effected in Manitoba. The dual system has been abolished and the State undertakes now to maintain only one kind of schools. The Roman Catholic Church strenuously opposed the change, but the Protestant population was almost a unit in asking for the abolition of the dual system. The population is sparse yet, and in the rural districts there are scarcely enough children to make a good school. The cost of maintaining even one good school is burdensome; why maintain two? Moreover, the people are from different countries speak different languages, and in many cases know but little of Canadian institutions. Unless the children can be taught the English language and the genius of English institutions, there is no likelihood of their being loyal and our becoming a united people. In the terrible tide has set in strongly in the same direction.

Second Section.—The Provincial Government is also taking steps with the view of making the university a teaching body. They seem disposed to erect buildings and organize a teaching staff. With reasonable encouragement from existing institutions no doubt the whole art course will be provided for in time. This is as it should be. Denominational colleges have rendered good service in the past, but in the opinion of many the time has come for a change. To be efficient, to meet the requirements of the age, the professional staff requires to be large and the appliances for teaching thoroughly complete. There is no college here with an adequate revenue for such conditions, and when the professor in each subject could teach all the students in all the colleges and the class then not be large, why should four be employed? And why should the churches be burdened in doing work that pertains to the State? Why should they not be reserved for the interests of religion and morals? So men reason, and the reasoning is like to assume shape in legislation and brick next year, and in a partially equipped teaching university, rare opportunity now offers, and existing colleges, no doubt, will co-operate with the Government in placing a higher education on a satisfactory and progressive basis. If the \$500,000 now in the Provincial treasury is spent, and university buildings erected, it will never be so easy again to get the out of the Government or Legislature. Relieved of the burden of maintaining an arts course with a wholly insufficient staff, our professors would be delivered from excessive work, and attention could be given to the more adequate equipment of Manitoba College as a theological institution. No court of the church has pronounced on the matter yet, but the subject is widely discussed and public opinion forming.

Mr. McQuinn thought the whole paragraph should be struck out. This introduced an Equal Rights tone into the discussion.

On a vote it was decided to retain section one. The second section, respecting higher education, was struck out unanimously.

A proposal to reduce salaries in the Northwest was discussed and remitted to the Home Mission Committee.

The report of the Board of Management of the church and manse building fund shows that during eight years it had erected 156 buildings, valued at \$197,000, the amount of aid given from the fund being \$67,457. The Board had a balance of \$3,297 to its credit; \$700 is its maximum loan and \$250 its maximum grant. An annual collection in aid of the fund is to be taken up in all the congregations.

The work of foreign missions is divided into five great branches—New Hebrides, Trinidad, Northwest Indians, China and Central India. In the New Hebrides there are sixteen missionaries. The Trinidad mission was in charge mainly of Rev. John Morton, D.D., who is supported by five missionaries, including a native assistant, three Canadian teachers, one native pastor and five native catechists.

The total income of the mission was about \$22,500. In connection with the report of work in the West Indies is given a report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (eastern division). It has a membership of nearly 4,000. There are 90 auxiliaries and 40 mission lands. The receipts were \$28,133.32 and the expenditure \$22,323.09, leaving a balance of \$5,810.23.

The report of missions to Indians in the Northwest shows that there are 11 missions; 7 missionaries, who carry on work on 19 reserves; and there are 9 teachers, besides several other missionary agents. There are 187 Indian communicants in these missions. There are 6 industrial boarding schools with 222 scholars. There were 3 day schools, with an enrolment of 71 and an average attendance of 57.

The Chinese mission report includes Formosa and Hainan. Members, 2,835; preachers, 51; students, 24; attending girls' school, 25 to 40. Dr. McKay writes showing that the people are making great strides toward self-support in the matter of their church affairs.

The mission to Central India has a strong band of workers, headed by Rev. J. Fraser Campbell. The work includes a high school and college, a dispensary, or rather two, one for males and one for females, Sabbath school work, besides preaching, visiting and other branches. The report shows faithful work in every branch.

The total receipts of the foreign mission fund, including balance of \$5,654.39 from last year, were \$82,791.64, this amount being balanced by the disbursements.

The report of the western division of the Women's Foreign Mission Society shows that in the fourteen years since its establishment the society has grown from eighteen auxiliaries and three mission lands, to 437 auxiliaries, 176 mission lands, and 25 Presbyterian societies. The amount contributed has grown from \$1,005.39 to \$31,106.58. Since last Assembly the following missionaries have been sent out: To Honan, Rev. John Macdonald and wife, Rev. M. Mackenzie and wife, Rev. J. H. McVicar and wife,

Miss Jennie S. Graham, Miss Margaret McIntosh, to India, Miss Harris, Miss Jamieson, Miss McKellar, M.D.

## LONDON'S NEW PREACHER.

Pen Portrait of Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Hamilton Spectator says: Rev. W. J. Clark will occupy the pulpit of Macnab Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. It is peculiarly appropriate that the farewell sermon of this excellent and talented young minister in this city, previous to his departure to fill the important charge to which he has been called in London, Ont., as the successor of Dr. Proudfoot, should be delivered in the church in which he was baptized and reared. His father, the late John Clark, was for many years an esteemed member of this congregation until his death by accident in the year 1873, shortly after which his widow and family removed to Dundas. While attending the Sunday school and church services in this church Mr. Clark was a bright, thoughtful student, and gave every promise of developing that full, hearty, Christian character which he has since displayed. After his removal to Dundas he entered the employment of his uncle, James Somerville, then proprietor of the Dundas Banner, in that office he worked steadily for twelve years with the ultimate aim and intention of entering the Christian ministry. Before attaining his 21st year he was ordained an elder in the Knox Church, under the pastorate of Dr. Laing, and frequently in Dr. Laing's absence conducted the weekly prayer meeting, and also for a number of years superintended a Sunday school on the Governor's road. His efforts were crowned with success, and now after a full four years' course at Toronto University and Knox College, and many extremely successful short engagements during his student life, both in charges and in the mission field, he has been licensed to carry on the work for which he has so long and perseveringly prepared himself. He leaves immediately for London, whither he will be ordained and inducted July 2, and whither he will be followed by the prayers and best wishes of a large circle of friends and admirers.

Kicked in the Head by a Horse.  
CORNWALL, Ont., June 14.—Samuel Hillman, a young man living on the eighth concession of Tilbury West, was kicked in the head to-day by a vicious horse. The cork of the horse's shoe penetrated the brain.

Pastor Thompson's Trouble.  
SOMERVILLE, Mass., June 14.—Pastor Thompson, of the First Unitarian Church, of this place, has resigned. Someone had given the church a \$30,000 homestead, and the parish wanted the pastor to live in it. The pastor's salary was \$3,000. He said he couldn't afford to live in such a big house, not even though the parish would use half of it for sewing circles and meetings, and so on for that kind of thing.

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