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THE KINGSTON DEMONSTRATION.

The Speeches of Sir John Macdonald and Hon. Dr. Tupper.

We give to-day the full report of the speeches of Sir John Macdonald and Dr. Tupper at the Kingston demonstration.

The following are the addresses which, on behalf of the Conservatives of Kingston, were presented to the hon. gentlemen by Mr. James Johnson at the opening of the meeting:—

To the Honourable Charles Tupper, C.B.

We, the members of the Liberal-Conservative Association, heartily welcome you to the City of Kingston on the occasion of your first visit. We deem it due to you to tender you our best thanks for your kindness in according to our request that you should address us on the public questions of the day during the visit to his friends of our distinguished representative in the House of Commons, the Right Honourable Sir John Alexander Macdonald, more especially as you have come amongst us at much personal inconvenience.

The call which we made upon you was prompted not merely by the desire of many of our Party to hear your eloquent utterances, as an orator is firmly established, but by our wish as an Association to participate in this city the highly important work which it is the object of the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Dominion of Canada to accomplish, namely, the spread of its principles. These we believe to be the best in the interests of the country, and we are delighted to see that the intelligent people of every province of the Dominion, and they are numerous and influential, are rapidly ranging themselves under our banner. Your appointment to shall have the opportunity, at a general meeting of proclaiming the principles of our Party, in a fashion which is unequalled in Canada, since the single fact, the degree of vitality of the Church and the zeal and evangelistic effort put forth by the ministers.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Rice, an appointment was made to receive a deputation from the Board of Managers of the Dundas Wesleyan Institute on business pertaining to the College, on the forenoon of Friday next.

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The Conference opened at 2 o'clock in the usual way by singing and prayer. The routine of business was resumed. In answer to the usual question, Who are the supernumeraries? the following names were reported:—John W. Cooley, R. H. Balmer, J. Ellis, R. Hall, R. H. Smith, A. McCollum, H. F. Crossley, E. B. Stevenson, Francis Swan, Edwin S. Shibley, Alfred Bowers, Joseph M. Robson, J. W. Freeman.

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The first-year men passed and recommended to be retained on trial were:—David Moir, Jas. Hart, Charles Deason, Samuel G. Staples, Alfred E. Smith.

John B. Williams was left without a station at his own request on account of ill-health.

The following young men were received on trial:—Thomas Lancelot, Jas. H. White, Solomon Cleaver.

Rev. John Dorse, Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, presented the report of receipts and disbursements in his department during the past year. It was always a matter of regret that the state of the fund was such that the claims of the aged ministers and widows could not be fully met during the past year; no less than 25 percent had to be deducted from the amounts payable to them; it was a question that deserved the best consideration and supported the claims which which they represented, and he (Mr. Douse) hoped that each member of the Conference who was a member of the Board would be more than hearty and liberal support of this fund. The total receipts for the current year were $7,861, of which the ministers contributed $2,612. The increase of the year's contributions over those of the previous year was $363. This, of course, was gratifying, but the increase of funds was not commensurate with the increase of claimants. The claim was a discount of twenty-five per cent. on the appropriations. There was a legitimate claim for the superannuates and widows who were depending on the fund that ought not to be allowed by so wealthy a body of Christians as the Methodist Church.

Dr. RICE hoped that the officers who controlled the fund would consider to each annual Conference a statement such as would throw more light on the actual condition of the fund. Such was the practice in England, and such, he held, ought to be the practice here.

Rev. Dr. Williams were not at all satisfied with the manner in which the fund was worked, and as to what dividends accrued from the invested funds. If any, and what use was made of them, whether they went to increase the capital stock or were counted among the receipts.

Satisfactory explanations were given by the Treasurer, and the report as read was received.

CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE MEETING.

At the Montreal Conference of 1873 a public meeting in behalf of the great and increasingly important temperance question was first held as a part of the regular public services in connection with the Conference. Every year the interest of these meetings has increased, and the zeal of the ministers themselves and the public generally, so that now in each of the Conferences where such meeting may be held, the temperance meeting secure a large and appreciative audience. No one perhaps, can so well as an influence these annual meetings in connection with the Conference have had in forming the public opinion in the various sections of the country in which the Dunkin Bill has been carried by popular vote.

After appropriate devotional exercises, in which Rev. James Masson led the audience, Rev. James Gray, the President of Conference, who occupied the chair, made a few introductory remarks, in which he dwelt upon the very great importance of this temperance question itself, the difficulties to be met, and the certainty of the final triumph, and the part which the Methodist ministers and the Methodist people should take in bringing about that final victory, by the securing of a prohibitory law for this land from ocean to ocean.

Rev. W. W. Ross, of Brantford, stated that the question before the country was prohibition pure and simple. The Methodist Church was the first of the ecclesiastic bodies to take a strong position by way of resolution.

REV. J. W. HOLMES believed that all the other questions which agitate the public mind were comparatively insignificant to the great question of prohibition. Mat. said prohibition was a creature of babies. No one knows fully the force of habit until it has gained such strength that he vainly attempts to break from it. He exhorted in strong terms the young people present to do what they could to bring about prohibition. He hoped on the ground that it was a disappropriation of wealth manufactured into only works injury. Grain should go for food.

REV. THOMAS BROCK was next called upon, and said that he was glad that at last some ance people were not fully aware of the amount of opposition that will be met on this question. Those who are engaged in the liquor business, and who made their living by it, would rise up to go to any extremes, and would give any amount of opposition to the prohibition movement. They must be prepared to meet it, and to put it on its own grounds.

REV. WM. WILLIAMS, of Hamilton, also addressed the Conference in an impressive manner, after which the large and enthusiastic audience was dismissed.

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Orange Grand Lodge.

OTTAWA, June 7.—The Grand Secretary's report, presented to the Orange (Grand Lodge of British North America, shows that twenty-eight new lodges were instituted in Canada during the past year, viz., Ontario, Carleton; Quebec, seven; Nova Scotia, Street Prince Edward Island, three; Newfoundland, six; and Manitoba, five; though Young Briton lodges, fourteen in Ontario and in Quebec nine. Seven Royal Scarlet dispensations were granted.

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