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SERIOUS PROBLEM CONFRONTS THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES

Dearth of Candidates Offering for Ministry—Proposal to Unite Theological Faculties Strongly Opposed.

Yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian General Assembly was given over almost exclusively to the educational work of the church in Canada. The reports of the colleges were on the whole very gratifying, although the lack of young men ready to offer themselves for the ministry appeared to be the cause of alarm. The question of uniting the theological colleges of the church was advocated by Hon. John Charlton, but such a move did not meet with general favor. A telling speech against such a plan was made by Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe.

The Report of Knox College.

Principal MacLaren presented the report of Knox College. During the year two new professors—Kilpatrick and Kennedy—had been appointed, and had added materially to the strength of the college. Sixty-four students were attending theological lectures. Sixteen graduates, of whom twelve were "Varsity" graduates. The other years were well represented, and although not up to some former years, there was no cause for worry. Principal MacLaren, however, advised that the ministers give special attention to the young men. The scarcity of those offering for the ministry was becoming alarming. Other callings in life had become

more appealing, and they were taking the flower of the youth.

The removal of Knox College from its present site to one more suitably located to the university, at its last meeting the following resolution was adopted: "In view of the unsuitability of the present site and the need of extensive repairs to the present building and the erection of the Caven library, this board expresses its judgment that it is urgently desirable to remove to a more suitable site and erect a building to the needs of the college and commensurate with the strength of the church at an estimated cost of \$300,000, exclusive of the price to be obtained for the present site."

New Site Advocated.

Mr. J. K. McDonald, of Toronto, made a splendid plea to the assembly on behalf of the removal. The board before passing the above resolution had thoroughly canvassed the situation and thought that removal was the only way out of the difficulty. The college needed repairing very badly at present. Conservative estimates had

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INGRAM GOES TO RAILWAY BOARD

Make-Up of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Commission Announced.

Toronto, June 7.—The Ontario railway and municipal board is now complete and will hold its first meeting at the Parliament buildings early next week.

The chairman, Mr. James Leitch, K. C., of Cornwall, was appointed last week and the other two members and the secretary were appointed at the cabinet meeting this afternoon.

They are:

Mr. Andrew Ingram, of St. Thomas, M. P. for East Elgin, who will have to resign his seat in the Commons, thus involving a bye-election.

Mr. Henry Norman Kittson, wholesale grocer, of Hamilton.

The secretary is Mr. Henry C. Small, barrister, a Torontonian, who has of late resided and practiced his profession at Carleton Place.

The salary of the chairman is \$6,000 per annum, of the other two members \$4,000, and of the secretary \$2,000.

The members hold office during the pleasure of the Government and must give their whole time to the work.

They cannot directly or indirectly hold railway stock or have an interest in any device or article, etc., used by railways.

FIVE NEW LAKE BOATS

C. P. R. Charters Them to Help Increase Business.

Montreal, June 8.—Five lake steamers have been chartered by the C. P. R. to help keep pace with the upper lake traffic, which has increased so rapidly this season that the company's regular fleet have been unable to meet the demand.

In speaking of the situation Mr. G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president, said: "This phenomenal and unprecedented traffic is due to the vigorous immigration policy of the last few years. As we take the people into the country we have to take their produce out, and bring them food and clothes; that is how immigration creates trade."

RICH MONTREALER IN THE TOILS; IS ACCUSED OF HUGE STEALS

The Canadian Customs and C. P. R. Reported To Be Greatest Sufferers.

New York, June 8.—The Herald this morning says: David Hobbs, of Montreal, for whom the police of two continents have been looking since last October, was arrested in New York, and locked up at police headquarters, last night.

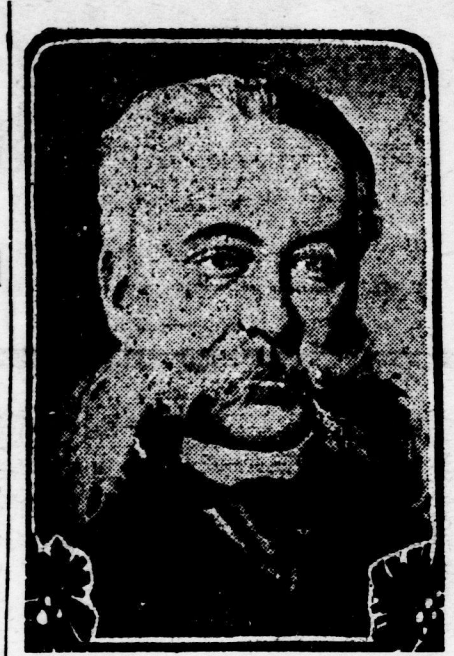
Hobbs is charged with defrauding the Canadian customs and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company out of a large sum, estimated by the Montreal police to amount to \$200,000. He held an important place with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and was regarded as one of the influential and wealthy men of Montreal.

He was taken to headquarters last night by a secret service detective, who gave the name of Rufus G. Chamberlain, Col. A. Percy Sherwood, chief of

the Dominion police, caused the arrest. It is said. At headquarters very little information was to be had, the simple statement being made that Hobbs had been arrested on the charge of forgery, and would be held until the necessary extradition papers could be obtained. Hobbs lived in fine style in Montreal, and it was generally accepted that he was a man of large income. Last October, when he suddenly left, it was charged that he had robbed the customs department, and the railway company, and notices were sent to the police of nearly every city in the world, offering a reward for his capture.

He was born in Montreal, Scotland, and after leaving college he was engaged by a ship broker in Dundee, and soon established a business of his own. For several years his prosperity was marked, and he was rated a wealthy man.

When in the service of the Canadian Pacific his duties entailed the passing of entries for goods consigned to the company.



RUSSIAN PREMIER GOREMYKIN. Has Failed to Pacify Parliament, and Is Booked to Quit Office.

DAMP KILLS EIGHT IN MONTANA MINE

One of the Worst Disasters in History of That State.

Anaconda, Mont., June 8.—One of the most serious accidents in the history of coal mining in Montana has occurred in the mines of the Northern Pacific at Rocky Fork, near Red Lodge, Carbon County.

Eight men are dead, all victims of the white damp that filled the corridors of the mine after fire which started Wednesday. Their bodies have been recovered.

Of the dead, two were members of one of the parties that entered the mine in the effort to reach the men known to be there.

The dead: Terrance Fleming, William Bailey, Mike Gaboring, Thomas Skelly, A. J. McPate, Matt Reika, Roy Carey, Joe Bracey. Carey and Bracey were of the rescue party.

ASSAULT CHARGE DROPPED

One Policeman Was Alleged to Have Struck Another.

The police commissioners met yesterday afternoon to investigate a charge laid against P. C. Down by P. C. Lloyd, also a member of the local force. Lloyd charged Down with assaulting him. The trouble is said to have emanated over a flat car on the G. T. R. which broke loose recently. It seems that P. C. Lloyd tried to take the car, in order to stop it, and that when he returned to the police station, P. C. Down "jolted" him about the affair, and it ended in a quarrel between the two officers, during which P. C. Lloyd charged Down with striking him.

P. C. Down denied the charge, and the case was dropped.

WILL NOT ATTEND CAMP

Men Could Not Be Secured for Composite City Regiment.

The militia authorities here have received a telegram from Gen. Otter, stating that the Composite City Regiment, which has been previously mentioned as the provisional regiment, and was to be composed of men chosen from the city regiments in the district of the Seventh (London), Twentieth (St. Thomas), Twenty-first (Windsor), and Twenty-fourth (Chatham)—will not attend camp this year.

As has been mentioned before great difficulty was experienced in getting men to turn out from the city regiments, and so it was decided to abandon the project.

BOOM, BANG, FLASH, SUCH A STORM

Tree Limbs Flew and Camp Tents Collapsed, But Nobody Seriously Hurt.

The terrific electrical storm which swept over this city last night, was a bit of little if any damage was done. There was a heavy gale, a spectacular display of lightning, and continuous crashings of thunder, that would put the big guns at the barracks to the blush.

Reports from all the townships surrounding the city tell of an odd tree being blown down, or losing a limb, but not one report of damage to building or person has so far reached the city.

The gale beat upon Carling's Heights with exceptional fury, and caused quite a bit of excitement while it lasted. Several tents gave way to the strain, and left their occupants exposed to the fury of the storm. Many were drenched to the skin, and had all their goods soaked by the heavy downpour. Others were kept busy driving tent-stakes, and holding their tents down as best they could through the greater part of the night. Many of the horses became frightened and threatened to stampede, so that the Hussars had their share of the hardships.

A house on Oxford street almost across from the camp grounds had a close call, a tree within twenty feet of it being struck by the lightning and losing a large limb.

EXCHANGES SCHOOL BOYS.

London, June 8.—W. Blackiston, of Darlington, submitted the scheme of the Earl of Meath for interchange of visits of schoolboys of the mother country to the colonies, and the colonies to the mother country, with the object of unification of the empire. Mr. Blackiston says 120 boys, 13 or 14 years old, could be sent at a cost of £2,500 per year. The idea was merely a suggestion, and he would leave the details to Lord Strathcona and others.

GOREMYKIN FAILS; WILL STEP OUT

Czar Dissatisfied With Latest Prime Minister.

STORMY SCENES IN THE DOUMA

Radicals Clamor for Independent Action—Agrarian Disturbances Are on the Increase.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—According to reliable reports from Peterhof, Emperor Nicholas has about decided to retire Premier Goremykin. From the first it was apparent to outsiders that M. Goremykin did not possess the force, capacity or skill necessary to steer the ship of state in the present crisis, and his majesty, who is extremely dissatisfied with the Premier's sorry failure to make any headway toward a rapprochement with the Lower House of Parliament, is now ready to sacrifice him.

But the Emperor seems to be torn by conflicting counsels. A few of his advisers are urging him to make a frank surrender and accede to Parliament's demand for a ministry from the Opposition majority.

These influences are hardly likely to prevail against the party headed by Gen. Trepoft, which believes that no further concessions should be made. The cabinet itself is in open rebellion, and with the support they are receiving from the court the rebels are confident of being able to unhorse M. Goremykin.

Dispatches from the interior continue gloomy, and show that the gradual extension of agrarian disorders and partial strikes now affect twelve provinces. The latest disturbances reported are at Kieff and Tver. Numerous collisions between peasants and rural guards have taken place, but nothing in the nature of mass movements has yet occurred.

Tortured the Innocent.

A sensation has been caused by the disclosures of M. Vladimiroff, a correspondent of the Twentieth Century, formerly the Russ, who investigated the case of Mile. Spiridonova, and who is now in the Baltic Province, investigating the Russian revolution. He declares that six out of the eight men executed at Riga were innocent, and adds that they were forced to confess by tortures which put the Spanish inquisition to shame.

Although the Social Revolutionists have proclaimed a temporary cessation of the Terrorist campaign, there is little abatement in the murders of police officials in the interior.

Mounted gendarmes yesterday evening charged a crowd of workmen at the Government cartridge factory at Vasil-Ostrov, who emerged from a meeting, singing the "Marseillaise." The gendarmes used their whips and sabres, injuring many and wounding two men seriously.

Storm in the House.

The storm produced by overnight developments, broke as soon as the Lower House of Parliament opened today, exposing the split between the radical and more moderate elements of the Opposition and proving that the leaders of the Constitutional Democrats will be unable much longer to hold their extreme allies of the peasants-workmen group, who openly favor Parliament shaking off all governmental control and proceeding independently. The former attitude of the Government as foreshadowed by yesterday's decision to demand a month's time for consideration of the law providing for the abrogation of the death penalty, in accordance with the statutory privilege, was further emphasized by Premier Goremykin's reply to an interpellation on the subject of the Black Hundred publications, which was communicated in writing. It practically amounted to a flat refusal to make any explanation, basing his refusal on the ground that the House was exceeding its rights, as (Continued on Page Eight.)

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—VERY WARM.

London, Friday, June 8.
Sun rises, 4:36 a.m. Moon rises, 5:52 p.m.
Sun sets, 7:57 p.m. Moon sets, 6:28 a.m.
Toronto, June 7-8 a.m.
Heavy rains have fallen from the Rockies to Manitoba, and a few local showers or thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and for the most part warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 46-72; Atlin, 40-56; Port Simpson, 44-60; Victoria, 48-64; Vancouver, 44-64; Edmonton, 52-68; Calgary, 48-56; Qu'Appelle, 54-62; Winnipeg, 54-68; Port Arthur, 48-60; Parry Sound, 54-74; Toronto, 66-67; Ottawa, 58-74; Montreal, 56-74; Quebec, 46-74; St. John, 44-56; Halifax, 45-66.

FORECASTS.

Friday, June 8-8 a.m.
Fresh to strong, southerly to westerly winds; mostly fair and decidedly warm, with thunderstorms in many localities today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.

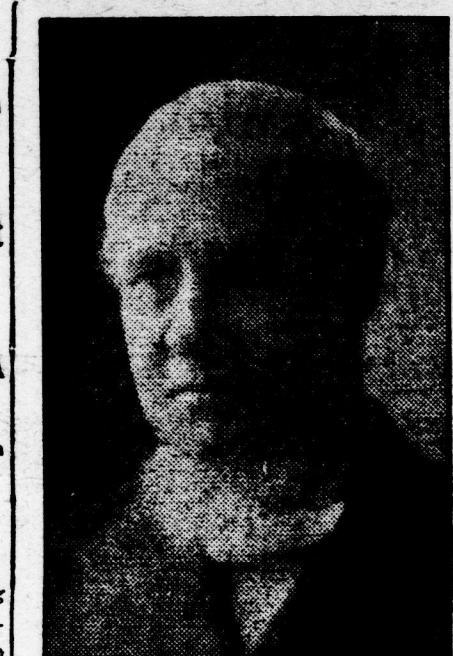
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	46	44	50	Fair
Edmonton	52	50	58	Fair
Port Arthur	52	46	62	Clear
Parry Sound	58	52	62	Cloudy
Toronto	66	60	74	Clear
Ottawa	70	64	74	Fair
Montreal	67	60	74	Rain
Quebec	56	46	62	Fair
Father Point	66	62	64	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning the weather has remained cool and rainy in the western Mountains to Manitoba, and some heavy thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Quebec. The general outlook is still unsettled.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 82.5°; lowest, 65° above.



REV. WM. MACLAREN, D.D., Principal of Knox College, Toronto.

PACKING DISCLOSURES A HANDLE FOR JOE

Chamberlain's Party Will Use It to Push Protection Propaganda.

London, June 8.—Sir Howard Vincent, Conservative member of Parliament for Central Sheffield, and one of the most pronounced advocates of protection and preferential treatment for colonial products, has given notice of his intention to interpellate the president of the board of trade in the House of Commons on the subject of the meat packing disclosures in the United States. His question is evidently drawn up with the view of extracting information which may be utilized by the fiscal reformers in pushing their propaganda.

MONSTER DELEGATION INVADES OLD LONDON

12,000 Lancashire Churchmen Register Opposition to Education Bill.

Berlin, June 8.—The meeting of the German and Austrian Emperors at Vienna and the exchange of telegrams between them and King Victor Emmanuel is the cause of much satisfaction, both to the Government and the public as clearing up a period of doubt and mistrust among the allies, and restoring the solidity of the triple alliance as a peace preservative. Semi-official utterances are all to the effect that discussion between the Emperors and the respective foreign secretaries has resulted in complete goodwill, founded on mutual understanding, in which the Italian Government party participated.

PROHIBITION WINS

Prince Edward Island Plebiscite Declares for No Liquor.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 8.—The plebiscite on the repeal of the St. Act in Queen's County resulted yesterday in the overwhelming majority of 10 to 1 against the act and in favor of prohibition, which, according to statute, comes automatically into force. This is the last of such plebiscites, and next month the whole Province will be under prohibition. There was practically no contest, the anti-prohibitionists making no effort.

A NEW TALK SOON WITH GRAND TRUNK

Company and City to Confer and Something Big Is in the Air.

There are the strongest indications that negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway regarding the proposed amendments in this city will be reopened by the company within the next week.

This was the statement made to The Advertiser today by one who knows, and is a member of the city council. It is understood that Manager McGowan has intimated to the city authorities that he will again lay the case of the company before the city.

It was thought for a time that there would be some important conferences of late which have resulted in the company coming a little closer to the city.

How the points of difference between the city and the company are to be overcome, no one is prepared to say, but the greatest confidence is expressed that the interested parties will get together this summer.

It is said, too, that there may be some developments which will create more than a mild amount of interest in certain matters which are now city hall gossip are touched upon by one of the interested parties.

"Wait and see," said the gentleman referred to above to The Advertiser today. "There may be some very interesting news in Grand Trunk matters next week. There's something big in the air, and it's liable to explode any day."

HOBBS WILL INVESTIGATE.

London, June 8.—The officer selected by War Secretary Haldane to proceed to the United States and inspect all units of meat intended for the British army, is Lieut.-Col. Percy Eyre Hobbs, chief instructor of the Army Service School of Instruction at Aldershot. He will proceed to America shortly.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SEEN FROM THE GALLERY

One of the new officials whom the General Assembly will get acquainted with at this meeting is the Rev. J. C. Robertson, the general secretary for Sabbath schools. Mr. Robertson is evidently the right man in the right place, and his appointment by last year's assembly has already been amply justified. He will be heard in connection with the presentation of the Sabbath school report.

The committee of the Presbyterian Council of London, on entertainment, under the presidency of Mr. George M. Reid, knowing that a Presbyterian General Assembly is a hard-working body, and not out for a holiday, has arranged to show the commissioners only one "good time," as the saying goes, but it will be of the real sort. This will be a reception on the beautiful grounds of Sheriff Cameron on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. There the Presbyterian ministers of the city and their wives will receive and welcome a far-flung line of the beauty and chivalry of Presbyterians.

The place of the next meeting of assembly is already being talked of. An invitation will be presented from the Presbytery of Winnipeg to hold next year's meeting in that city. Twice already has this Presbytery, in partnership met in the great western metropolis, in 1887 and 1897. Montreal and Toronto are both likely to bid for the meeting. The general impression seems to be that either Montreal or Toronto will be successful. But one cannot tell how such a vote may go. The venerable and beloved Dr. Duval, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, is present, backed by a big delegation of live western commissioners, determined, if possible, to have the next meeting go to the Prairie City.

One of the "grand old men" from the east is Dr. Murray, of the Presbytery of Witness. The editor of the Witness has long been a man of "light and leading" in the Maritime Provinces. The Presbytery of Witness is the oldest and one of the very best Presbyterian papers in Canada. Dr. Murray has the true newspaper instinct, and is one of the most genial members of the press at the assembly.

Looking over the assemblage one sees among the representatives many well known ministers and elders, who are recognized as men of light and leading, from the various provinces of the Dominion. The Advertiser has already given brief sketches of a number of these. Today we can only mention a few more. Others will come on the scene later.

From British Columbia come Rev. D. McRae, of St. Paul's, West Victoria, of gentle, yet heroic, mold, who has given a quarter of a century of splendid service to the west. Mr. McRae, who was reared in Glenagarry, was the first moderator of the Synod of British Columbia and Alberta. Dr. John Campbell, of the fine old First Church, Victoria, came from Argyleshire, Scotland. He was formerly minister at Harrison and Collingwood. Rev. J. A. Logan, of Richmond, came from Nova Scotia. He is one of the best pastors and preachers in the Province. Among the laymen are James McQueen, formerly mayor of Vancouver, and a brother of the well-known Ontario teacher, Robt. McQueen, of Kirkwall, H. W. C. Book, L.L.B., and Thornton Fell, K.C., are both lawyers of the highest standing, the one from Vancouver, the other from Victoria.

Alberta sends Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, one of the most influential ministers in the whole province. Dr. Herdman, the missionary superintendent, is not only a man of missionary zeal and statesmanlike outlook, but a noted mountain-climber, and a man of the finest literary taste. From Saskatchewan Rev. Dr. Carmichael, another missionary superintendent, went from Columbus, Ont., to Regina many years ago. He resigned his pastorate there to accept his present position. He was born in London Township, and like most people born in this part of the country, has sound sense and weight of character. Hon. W. R. Motherwell is a member of Premier Scott's cabinet as minister of agriculture for the new province. Mr. Motherwell had a somewhat hard row to hoe in the beginning of his political career, but as he believed in the "perseverance of the Saints," he got there, and he stays there. A Regina paper, politically opposed to him, calls him "A Wall Flower." All this contributor can say is that he has had the pleasure of meeting the good elder in his own province, and of traveling through part of his constituency, and he ventures to say that there are few men better liked or more highly respected in the Province. If our friend is "a wall flower," he is a pretty strong, lively and useful one. One of the youngest elders at the assembly is George E. McCraney, L.L.B., M. P. of Prince Albert. Mr. McCraney is a son of the former member of the Commons.

Manitoba comes up with a perfect whirlwind of great names. Besides those already mentioned, we have Rev. Principal Patrick, a splendid Scotch Presbyterian minister, Dr. Hart, Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor), Mr. J. Brown, the new leader of the Liberal party in the Legislature; the Hon. Colin H. Campbell, attorney-general of the province, and Hon. D. Laird, a former minister of inland revenue in the Dominion cabinet, all from the Presbytery of Winnipeg. Rev. M. C. Rumball, of Morden, the strong, all-round pastor and preacher, and Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Brandon, "a lad of pairs," and a preacher of power, from our own

city, come from other presbyteries in the province.

From New Ontario we have Rev. W. M. Rochester, of Kenora, formerly known as Rat Portage. Mr. Rochester has just been appointed the new secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance for the west, a position for which he is eminently fitted. Dr. Laurie, formerly of London Junction, comes as a lay commissioner from Port Arthur, where he successfully practices his profession. But your contributor begs to defer introducing you to representatives from the other 25 Ontario presbyteries until this heat be overpast. He sympathizes with many of the members of the assembly of proper Presbyterian proportions, who were heard ejaculating now and then yesterday and last evening, that London was giving them a "warm reception."

The Province of Quebec is not all of our way of thinking, nevertheless our comes Principal Sordani, of Montreal, who knows Hebrew, Greek, systematic theology, how to translate the Psalms in meter, and many other things; John Mackay, the brilliant young scholar and orator of Crescent Street Church; Rev. Dr. Scott, the staid editor of the Record; Dr. Moffatt, the man of weight; W. R. Cruickshank, the man of "sweetness and light," and S. J. Taylor, the secretary of French evan. preaches with delight in pure French as he does in English. We notice David Morrice, the big cotton man, and Mr. Justice Archibald as two greatly respected Montreal elders.

One can't look at these hearers and listen to these debates without feeling profoundly that this is a gathering not only of earnest men, but of brainy men. It has been said that the Maritime Provinces have given more brainy men to the Canadian Parliament than any part of Canada. These provinces have certainly given their full share of brainy men to the church.

Dr. Sedzwick is one of the splendid "young old men." He has been 46 years in the ministry, and can tell more real good stories than perhaps any other wise man from the east. He is a son of the manse, and a recognized authority in ecclesiastical law and procedure. His brother is a judge of the supreme court of Canada, at Ottawa. He has recently been acting as deputy governor-general, during his excellency's absence from the capital.

Prof. Walter C. Murray has perhaps the finest philosophy mind of any man in the church, except of course, Watson, of Queen's. He is as delightful to meet as his books are to read. Dr. Forrest "goes like the wind" when he gets going. He has been principal of Dalhousie College and University of Dalhousie for twenty years, and has made his institution a splendid success. Dr. McCurdy, the eastern church agent, is beloved and trusted by the whole church. His Honor Judge McRae never misses an assembly, and there is no more useful man in the supreme court. The Hon. Senator McGregor, New Glasgow; Hon. H. M. Goudge, George Mitchell, M. P. E. Joseph Henderson, and Hon. B. Rogers, are other prominent elders from the east.

There is a fine array of foreign missionaries at this meeting. Some of them will be heard this evening. Rev. J. Griffith of Homan, China, is one of the very best missionary speakers of the day. Rev. J. T. Taylor, principal of our college at Indore, India, speaks well also. Drs. Buchanan and Nugent come from India, too. From Trinidad, we have Dr. Coffin, and Mr. Morton, and Dr. Armand, the well-belo, who has come from the New Hebrides, will be heard with new interest at this time, both for his own and on account of the famous history of his mission.

The house is already impatient of tedious and irrelevant speeches. In the very air there seems to be the determination to have a man sit down unless he has something to say on the subject in hand, and can say it with reasonable brevity. The great clavie is met primarily and invariably for the forwarding of the kingdom of God. It says, to every member, "If you have anything to say, say it, and be done."

Occasionally a speaker even among the grave and reverend fathers and brethren comes to the platform and pitches into a contested subject as if he would raise Cain. But that audience will soon quiet him down. He must either quiet down or sit down.

Among some of the commissioners the question is being discussed as to why this democratic Canadian church should not sometimes elect a layman as its moderator? The Southern Presbyterian Church of the United States has this year elected a distinguished lawyer as its presiding officer. This is the third time the Southern Church, which is one of the most conservative of Presbyteries in the world, has elected an elder to the highest position in its gift. Other Presbyterian churches have done the same. We profess to believe in the parity of Presbyteries. Why not carry out in practice? That splendid moderator, Hamilton Cassels, K.C., or His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clark, or the Hon. George W. Ross, of Toronto; John McIntyre, K.C., of Kingston; Justice Macdonald, of the supreme court, Ottawa; Judge Forbes, St. John; Hon. Colin H. Campbell, attorney-general of Manitoba; or James McQueen of Vancouver, would do. And there are scores of others.